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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Mississippi Annual Conference.

The seventy-fourth session of the Mississippi Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was held in Jackson, Mississippi, December 14-19, 1887, Bishop John C. Keener, D.D., presiding.

The Bishop opened the Conference at 9 A.M., by the use of Hymn No. 272, by reading Colossians iii., and by prayer.

The roll was called by the Secretary of the last Conference, and the following answered to their names:

Clerical.—John G. Jones, E. R. Strickland, J. A. Godfrey, R. A. Sibley, J. A. B. Jones, B. Jones, G. F. Thompson, R. Abbey, H. P. Lewis, J. A. Vance, W. B. Lewis, N. B. Young, A. B. Nicholson, W. B. Hines, W. W. Hurst, W. L. C. Hunnicutt, J. W. Hays, W. E. Ballard, R. B. Downer, F. M. Williams, J. A. Ellis, P. Howard, J. M. Weems, T. Y. Armstrong, J. C. Brogan, J. M. Gann, R. D. Norsworthy, John W. Sandell, D. P. Bradford, J. S. Parker, H. R. Singleton, C. G. Andrews, E. H. Mounger, I. B. Robertson, B. S. Rayner, J. P. Drake, I. W. Cooper, H. R. Caldwell, T. W. Brown, G. Bancroft, L. Carley, I. L. Peebles, W. W. Cammack, J. T. Nicholson, J. W. Chambers, L. L. Meador, E. F. Edgar, J. M. Pugh, N. M. Clark, A. D. Miller, Lazarus J. Jones, J. H. Evans, J. H. Holland, C. McDonald, P. A. Johnston, W. C. Black, J. W. Ellison, J. W. McLaurin, Thomas S. West, R. J. Jones, R. Bradley, D. C. Langford, T. B. Holloman, D. A. Little, C. D. Cecil, R. S. Woodward, C. A. Powell, B. F. Jones, F. M. Featherstun, D. F. Guice, T. W. Adams, R. F. Witt, J. W. Brown, J. W. Harmon, V. D. Skipper, S. J. Cotton, H. L. Scarborough, W. G. Backus, J. V. Penn, H. W. Featherstun, T. L. Mellen, M. H. Moore, B. F. Lewis, A. F. Watkins, A. D. McVoy, H. D. Howell, J. N. Tucker, L. S. Jones, W. D. Dominick, James Healey.

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Laymen.—Peter James, W. L. Nugent, E. C. Postell, J. E. Carruth, J. H. Thompson, Robert Babington, A. H. Morse, S. S. Cope, W. S. Davis, W. M. Thornton, A. G. Mayers, L. Kendall, W. M. Williams, H. J. Harris, A. K. Worthy, H. C. Newsom, J. F. Cassels, Joseph Millican, Robert S. Austen, T. A. Holloman, T. W. Sullivan, W. O. Watkins, H. Key.

C. G. Andrews was elected Secretary; J. A. B. Jones, Assistant Secretary; Thomas W. Adams, Recording Secretary; and J. W. Chambers, Statistical Secretary.

The following Standing Committees, nominated by the presiding elders, were elected, viz.:

On Public Worship.—J. A. Ellis, C. G. Andrews, W. L. Nugent.

On Memoirs.—C. G. Andrews, J. T. Nicholson, B. Jones, C. McDonald, B. S. Rayner, J. M. Pugh, E. H. Mounger

On State of the Church.—C. A. Powell, J. H. Thompson, W. D. Dominick, W. M. Williams, H. P. Lewis, P. A. Johnston, R. Bradley.

On Bible Cause.—I. B. Robertson, J. E. Carruth, J. P. Carter, L. Kendall, R. F. Witt, J. W. Ellison, M. H. Moore.

On Publishing Interests.—Peter James, H. M. Featherstun, J. P. Drake, D. G. W. Ellis, W. C. Black, B. F. Jones, R. J. Jones.

On Observance of the Sabbath.—E. C. Postell, T. B. Holloman, George W. Walker, A. G. Mayers, W. G. Backus, J. W. Sandell.

On Temperance.—I. W. Cooper, D. F. Guice, W. W. Simmons, I. L. Peebles, E. F. Edgar, J. V. Penn, W. L. C. Hunnicutt.

On District Conference Records.—Aaron King, B. F. Lewis, H. J. Harris, H. R. Caldwell, W. S. Davis, R. S. Austen, T. A. Holloman.

On Conference Relations.—W. E. Ballard, T. L. Mellen, G. F. Thompson, F. M. Featherstun, L. Carley, C. D. Cecil, F. M. Williams.

The hours of 9.30 A.M. and 1.30 P.M. respectively were fixed as the time of meeting and adjournment.

Communications from the Rev. I. G. John, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Missions, from the Rev. D. Morton, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, and from the various schools and colleges under the patronage of the Conference, were read and referred to the appropriate committees.

The following were introduced to the Conference, viz.: Rev. Dr. Morton, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension; Rev. Dr. Hunter, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of this city; Rev. Mr. Sproles, pastor of the Baptist Church; Rev. Mr. Christian, Secretary of the Board of Missions of the Baptist Church; Rev.

C. W. Carter, D.D., editor, and H. Jamieson, Esq., publisher, of the *New Orleans Christian Advocate*; Rev. Dr. J. D. Barbee, Book Agent; Rev. E. E. Harrell, of the Virginia Conference; Prof. G. H. Wiley, Acting President of Centenary College of Louisiana; Rev. Dr. T. A. S. Adams, of the North Mississippi Conference; Rev. Mr. Bachman, Colporteur of the North Mississippi Conference, and Rev. Dr. A. R. Winfield, editor of the *Arkansas Methodist*.

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? Robert Wilson Tucker, East Baton Rouge; Francis M. Keen, West Jackson; James M. Cowan, from Madison; William P. Jones, from Madison; Paul M. Jones, Forest and Morton; Burbon H. Rawls, Walnut Grove; Walton P. Meador, Marvin; James G. Cammack, Walnut Grove; John D. Crymes, Holmesville.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? Benjamin M. Drake, R. Aden Breland, G. H. Galloway, William H. Huntley, William L. Linfield, George D. Anders.

The following were continued in the class of the first year, viz.: James N. Ware, Charlie C. Campbell, Nathan J. Roberts, Marshall J. Marble.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? None.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? James G. Sibley, William W. Morse, Victor V. Boone, Albert C. Flowers, J. Herbert Woodward, Robert S. Gale, Robert Selby, James A. Newsom, Martin L. Burton, Nolan B. Harmon, Joshua M. Morse, Harrison Bradford.

Ques. 5. Who are re-admitted? Joseph J. Lovett, of the third year.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? None.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? Levi S. Jones, W. R. Sims, E. F. Edgar. James N. Tucker was continued in the class of the third year.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? James G. Sibley, Albert C. Flowers, J. Herbert Woodward, Robert Selby, James A. Newsom, Martin L. Burton.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? James G. Sibley, Albert C. Flowers, J. Herbert Woodward, Robert Selby, James A. Newsom, Martin L. Burton.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? Jacob C. Long, Thomas B. Reagan.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? Jacob C. Long, Thomas B. Reagan.

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Henry Lee Scarborough, Andrew D. Miller, Robert F. Witt, Mark H. Moore, Benjamin F. Lewis, Alexander F. Watkins, Thomas L. Mellen, William G. Backus, Samuel J. Cotton, Virgil D. Skipper, J. Wilson Brown.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? Henry Lee Scarborough, Andrew D. Miller, Mark H. Moore, Robert F. Witt, Benjamin F. Lewis, Alexander F. Watkins, Thomas L. Mellen, William G. Backus, Samuel J. Cotton, Virgil D. Skipper, J. Wilson Brown.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? None.

Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? None.

Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? John A. Vance, Richard Abbey.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? John G. Jones, Andrew B. Stewart, Ephraim A. Flowers, Erastus R. Strickland, Thomas J. Armstrong, David Merchant, David W. Dillehay, George T. Vickers, Levi Pearce, Thomas Price, James M. Gann, Archibald B. Nicholson, James A. Godfrey.

Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? Joseph Nicholson, John Lusk, Charles F. Gillespie, William G. Millsaps, James L. Forsythe, James N. Williams.

REV. JOSEPH NICHOLSON.

Brother Joseph Nicholson was born in Baltimore November 2, 1811, and died December 20, 1886; he was, therefore, seventy-five years one month and eighteen days old. During the latter part of his life he was feeble—on the superannuated list, because unable to do full work. Several times he endeavored to do efficient work, but, after trial, fell back again on the superannuated list. His parents were Christian people, and, we have reason to suppose, gave him good example and good instruction. He learned the trade of a ship carpenter, and for several years was employed on the sea, during which time, according to his own statement, he became very wicked. He moved to the State of Louisiana in 1836, married in 1837, and joined the Church in 1839, when he was about thirty years of age. He was licensed to preach in 1840. Where he located in Louisiana, or what the maiden name of his wife, we did not learn. He was a member of the Mississippi Conference from 1843 to 1886—forty-three years. About his being called of God to preach no Christian man who knew him well doubted. His gifts as a preacher were not of high order, but he filled the offices of deacon and elder in the Church, and the appointment of

preacher in charge and presiding elder, with great acceptability. He was my presiding elder while I had charge of Summit and Magnolia. During this time I became intimate with him, and learned to esteem and love him. He had no enemies that I know of, but many friends. I never heard any one speak unkindly of him. He was a safe man in all respects. His example was good, and his counsel was wise. I never heard him say an unwise thing or preach an unsound doctrine. His last days were days of pain and suffering; during a part of the time he was delirious. In his helplessness, which was complete for five weeks, his wife sat by his side, anxiously endeavoring to give relief or to mitigate his suffering. With that faithful wife he had lived fifty years, lacking ten days. Dr. J. B. Walker was a frequent visitor during his illness, and officiated at his funeral by request of Brother Nicholson, who selected the text from which he preached. He was often happy, and praised the Lord in his lucid intervals, as he neared the grave. Brother Nicholson was buried in Ocean Springs Cemetery. His wife still lives at Ocean Springs, in age and feebleness of body, but strong in faith. Brother Nicholson has showed us how in faithfulness to live, how in patience to suffer, and how in calmness to die. Our work on earth, like his, will soon be done. Let us see to it that it is well and faithfully done.

REV. JOHN LUSK.

The Rev. John Lusk, late of the Mississippi Conference, was born in Pittsford Village, New York, July 14, 1818. He came to Mississippi in 1838; was converted to Christianity; became a member of the Methodist Church, and joined the Mississippi Conference in 1840. In 1853 he was married to Miss Ann Eliza Hurst, by whom he had sons and daughters, several of whom survive to perpetuate his name and cherish his memory. He had a stroke of paralysis in October, 1885, while in charge of Dover Circuit, in Yazoo County, and lingered, gradually growing worse until he died, April 26, 1887. When first stricken, while yet his mind was clear, he seemed supremely happy at the thought of going soon to his reward. His tongue became paralyzed before he died, and, though he could not speak his triumphs, he pointed upward, expressive of his desire and hope of being soon in the better land. Brother Lusk was once a leader of the hosts of Israel in the Mississippi Conference. He was for some years presiding elder of the most important districts in the Conference. He was elected a member of the General Conference which sat in Nashville in 1858. Some of his deliverances in that body made a profound impression. He was a

man of earnest convictions and of well-defined conceptions of truth; his manner was earnest and emphatic, which, combined, always gained for him attentive and interested audiences. He was a most striking and entertaining preacher; his method of presenting the Scripture was altogether original, clearly indicating that he did his own thinking, and that he went to the bottom of a subject, delighting and impressing his hearers with the new and apposite thoughts enunciated. He wrote and published several tracts on controverted subjects, particularly one in opposition to the doctrine of the final perseverance of the saints, and one against immersion as the exclusive mode of baptism. Both of these tracts were especially obnoxious to the upholders of the respective dogmas, chiefly because he so scathingly exposed their fallacies, and so relentlessly pushed their reasoning to the reduction absurd. To all who love the truth for the truth's sake his arguments were overwhelmingly convincing, despite their homely dress and severe method. He was a great reader, and his familiarity with the leading periodicals and publications kept him well up with the thought of the age. He was quite an industrious man—came very near realizing Mr. Wesley's maxim, "Never be unemployed, never triflingly employed." He ceased from the traveling ministry and became local for several years, during which time he devoted himself to farming with zeal and enterprise. He was a prominent member of the Grange in his neighborhood, and was considered as the best authority upon the subject of scientific and successful farming. His farm, originally of poor land, became quite productive under his judicious plan of fertilization. His character for strict integrity and great moral worth was maintained intact in his community. Even during his greatest devotion to business, and in his full tide of success as a planter, he never forgot the high characteristics of a Christian minister, nor neglected, as occasion served, to proclaim the tidings of salvation. He was truly Wesleyan in his conception of truth, believing that nothing short of entire consecration, or of a holy life, could satisfy the conscience or be acceptable to the Master. After having tried a secular life for some years, he felt the old longing for an exclusive work in the ministry so strong as to cause him to make application for re-admission into the Mississippi Conference in 1875. He was readily received, and continued laboring for his Master, as his health would admit, until prevented by disease and death. Brother Lusk was a devoted friend of the Church, and regarded the ministry as the grandest and most important mission ever committed to a mortal. He has ceased from his loved employ. He will be no more among us to receive his annual

assignment to work in the vineyard, but we shall be together again, when the Master shall say, "Go call the laborers and give them their hire." One who loved him and his children desires that his obituary shall close thus, viz.: "I do not say that you ought not to grieve for your father, for it is not wrong for us to mourn for our loved ones taken from us. I know too well what it is for the anguish-wrung heart to cry out:

'But O for the touch of a vanished hand,
And the sound of a voice that is still!'

C. G. ANDREWS.

REV. CHARLES F. GILLESPIE.

Rev. Charles Fox Gillespie, late of the Mississippi Conference, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. J. McRaney, in Polk County, Texas, July 24, 1887, aged eighty-three years and thirteen days. He was born in Virginia July 11, 1804. The first half of his life was passed in recklessness and dissipation. He was acquainted with every department of vice known to "Young America." The drunkard's sayings and songs were familiar with him to the last. He could never get rid of them. He often lamented, with sighs and groans, the loss of the first forty years of his life. To his dying day he sung with great force and feeling:

"Amazing grace! how sweet the sound!
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see."

He attended school but little, scarcely learning to read. At the age of forty, in Alabama, he was converted and received into the Methodist Protestant Church. Soon after his conversion he was licensed to preach. He at once applied himself to literary and theological studies, soon mastering the ordinary branches of the English language, in which he gave special attention to grammar and logic, keeping these before him through life. His energy, vivacity, and consecration rendered him efficient from the beginning. He had a fine voice, singing well, and delivering his sermons with great force. In about 1850 he removed to Mississippi. He at once became a recognized leader among his brethren here. He had not the brain nor the oratory of Rev. P. H. Napier, but his energy, cheerfulness, agreeableness, and sociability, together with his splendid laconic preaching ability, rendered him the leading spirit among them. He was married to Miss Margaret Elizabeth Denley, in Calhoun County, Mississippi, in 1851. His wife, after having become the mother of seven children, died in Attala County, in June, 1868.

Only two of the children survive: Mrs. B. B. Napier, of Covington County, Mississippi, and Mrs. W. J. McRaney, of Polk County, Texas. Brother Gillespie was in the civil war, and was among the "true and the brave." Previous to the war he was elected President of the Mississippi Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, and after the war filled that office, with but little intermission, to the time of the union of his Conference with the Mississippi Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which union was effected at the session of the latter Conference, held at Crystal Springs in 1870, and in which Conference Brother Gillespie represented his brethren, he being President of his Conference at the time. His love for his brethren and his unselfishness were manifested in the fact that in the Crystal Springs Conference, in which he represented them, he secured appointments for all of them, leaving himself out. The following year he lectured on Masonry. His first appointment after the union was Sea-shore District, which appointment he filled with acceptability and efficiency for the full term—four years. After this he filled the following appointments: Cayuga Circuit, 1875 and 1876; Covington Circuit, 1877; Whittington Circuit, 1878; East Pascagoula Circuit, 1879 and 1880; Whittington Circuit, 1881 and 1882; Americus Circuit, 1883; Augusta Circuit, 1884; superannuated, 1885 and 1886. Some of the foregoing were poor circuits of large territory, hard work for a man of his age; but he readily accepted them and filled them with fidelity and zeal. It was astonishing to see how cheerfully he filled such poor appointments, while worthless young men were constantly complaining. The Minutes show that his own salary often fell short, but that the claims of his presiding elder and the assessments ordered by the Annual Conference were always paid in full. These he often settled out of his own meager purse, telling his congregations that the last cent of them must be paid if he had to sell Mollie (his buggy-horse) and buggy. He was as far removed from egotism as any man, working hard and giving others credit for his work. He presented a striking contrast with a numerous class who do comparatively nothing, and yet claim that they fill more "hard appointments," revive more "dead congregations," and build up more "first-class charges" than anybody else. He was punctual and brief. He began his service at the appointed minute. His Scripture lessons were short, his sermons averaged about thirty-five minutes, and his prayers were seldom more than three minutes. When the time for his service came, if there were but half a dozen persons in the house, he began as promptly and proceeded with as much energy as if his congregation had been waiting.

His whole service was characterized by great energy. It was not unusual for him, in returning from his first appointments in a charge, to meet persons a mile away going to church. He was a doctrinal preacher. He had thoroughly studied, well-arranged, clear-cut sermons on all the leading doctrines of Christianity. These he often delivered with telling effect. He was never more at home than when boldly presenting the distinctive doctrines of Methodism. He was a man of strong faith. He never suffered himself to distrust God for a moment. He had no confidence in himself; but he would often say, looking and pointing to heaven, "I know it is all right with my heavenly Father." He had no patience with gloomy experiences or with a roundabout way of telling them. He always spoke in an experience-meeting—spoke pointedly and positively—and got through in a minute. He had a large Oxford Teacher's Bible, which he carried with him. He was seldom more than a few feet from his Bible, and he read it constantly. His daily practice was to read the fourteenth, fifteenth, and sixteenth chapters of St. John. These were his abiding comfort. For four years next preceding his death the writer was more intimately associated with him than any other individual, and in that time I never saw or heard a thing of him derogatory to the highest Christian character. Being constantly associated with hundreds who knew him, I never heard aught against the good name which he bore. His good humor was constantly apparent. He was never found in an ill mood, or heard to speak unkindly of any person. Laughing was his chosen and natural method. It was said of Heraclitus, a Grecian philosopher, that he never looked upon a man without weeping. Contrary to this, Democritus, another Grecian philosopher, never looked upon a man without laughing. Brother Gillespie was the Democritus of the present age. He said that laughing had added fifteen years to his life. Uncle Charley is gone. He left behind him no enemies, but thousands who love and cherish his memory, who weep over his grave and rejoice in his triumph. He had no fear of death. He often spoke on that subject, and freely expressed "a desire to depart and to be with Christ." He spoke of heaven as near at hand, and with the assurance of an inheritance already possessed. His mental faculties somewhat failed, his physical strength abated, his eyes grew dim; but while "the outward man perished, the inward man was renewed day by day." We have not heard the particulars of his death, nor do we care to hear them. We know that he died well, "in full assurance of faith," and "that he rests from his labors and his works do follow him." With him

The pains of death are past,
Labor and sorrow cease;
And, life's long warfare closed at last,
His soul is found in peace.

REV. WILLIAM GREEN MILLSAPS.

The Rev. William Green Millsaps was born near Pleasant Valley, in Copiah County, Miss., April 2, 1831. His father and mother were devout members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. After going to school near home for a time, he went to Hanover College, Ind., where he continued until he had finished his education to the senior year. He then went to Asbury (now De Pauw) University, where he graduated at the head of his class in 1853. He was not permitted to take the first honor, as he had attended this college but one year. His literary advantages were good, and he improved them so well that he soon took a prominent place in the public estimation as a man of learning. He was converted at an early age, and joined the Church of his parents. The time at which he first felt a divine call to preach the gospel of Christ is unknown to this writer. Two years after he graduated he applied for and obtained admission into the Mississippi Conference. His first charge was Washington, on which he remained two years. While on this work he made his home with the honored and lamented Rev. B. M. Drake. It was also while on this work that he was married to Miss Fannie Mayberry, of Jefferson County, Miss., August 14, 1857. The whole of his itinerant record may be summed up as follows: On circuits, eleven years; district, one year; stations, eight years; Sunday-school Agent, two years; supernumerary, three years; and superannuated, one year—making a total of twenty-six years spent in the Mississippi Conference.

Brother Millsaps was a preacher of superior ability. To see and to hear him was to acknowledge that his was a master touch. He rose rapidly in popular favor. Within six years from the date of his first appointment we find him in the front rank, filling some of the most important places in his Conference. But the intense labor and ceaseless study which had won for him his early laurels, both as student and preacher, proved too great a tax for his never too robust constitution. Before he had been ten years in the ministry his nervous system was shattered and his general health failing rapidly. Still he toiled on through weary years of suffering such as no one can describe or properly appreciate, save those who have passed through a like fiery experience. Those who had the privilege of hearing Rev. William G.

Millsaps before his health was impaired will remember him as one of the most efficient and brilliant preachers among his brethren of that day. It was the privilege of this writer to hear him but once, and that during his last pastorage. It was at a camp-meeting, at a popular hour, to a large audience. The glorious impressions and still more glorious results of that sermon and that hour can never be forgotten. His last appointment was Hazlehurst Station. His first year there was a very successful one. The church was thronged with eager, delighted audiences, from service to service and from week to week through almost the entire year. During this year forty or more persons united with the Church, some of whom are now its staunchest supporters. It is worthy of note that during this year, under him as pastor, Willie, now Rev. William E. Linfield, joined the Church. The people were so well pleased with his ministry and success that his return was asked for, and he was sent back. But his health utterly broke down early in the year, and he was able to do very little work. At the next session of the Conference he was granted a supernumerary relation, and was never after in the active work. While in Cincinnati, where he had gone for medical treatment, the last summons came. He died February 25, 1887, aged fifty-five years ten months and twenty-one days. While he died away from his home, family, and friends, yet we fondly and confidently cherish the hope that he was not alone, but that the Saviour whom he had so often preached, to the delight and comfort of others, and upon whose altar he so early laid his cultivated talents, was with him in this last struggle to give him final victory, and that as he laid down his weary, suffering body into the quiet rest of the grave that his freed spirit passed triumphantly into the paradise of God, where the "wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest."

JOSEPH T. NICHOLSON.

REV. J. L. FORSYTHE.

The Rev. James L. Forsythe, late of the Mississippi Conference, was born in the north of Ireland, near Portrush, February 4, 1815. His parents were pious, and strove to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. They were highly respectable people, and reared a large family, all of whom occupied honorable positions in society. Several of the brothers came to this country, and settled in the Northern States and in Canada, making useful and respected citizens. He himself came to America in about the seventeenth year of his age. His time was spent at first mostly in school-teaching. He led prayer-meetings, superintended the Sabbath-school, and was known

as the religious youth. No one was surprised when he acknowledged the divine call, and was licensed to preach the gospel. He was admitted on trial in the Missouri Conference in 1836. His education and culture, accompanied by his quiet but earnest piety, gave him at once a prominent place in his Conference. His first appointment was to Paris as preacher in charge. Afterward he was made pastor at Columbia, at St. Charles, at Danville, at Lexington, and at St. Louis. He was elected deacon at Columbia in 1838, and was ordained by Bishop Soule in 1839. The delay was occasioned, doubtless, by the absence of a Bishop. He was ordained elder by Bishop Waugh in 1840. In 1844 he was transferred to the Mississippi Conference, where he lived and labored in the gospel ministry, without any break or intermission, until he was taken up to his reward, from Madison Circuit, Jackson District, on Saturday, September 17, 1887. His first appointment in Mississippi was to Port Gibson, where the session of the Conference was held that year. Just forty-two years from that time another session of the Conference was held in the same place. It was the conclusion of the fiftieth year of his ministry. By the request of his brethren he preached a semi-centennial sermon on the first night of the Conference. The sermon was rich in interesting incidents of the past, and was highly appreciated by his ministerial brethren, as well as by the large audience who heard it. He has filled all the most important stations in the Conference; was never local, and never on the supernumerary or superannuated list. He was put in charge of circuits, stations, and districts, and was for two years President of Fayette Academy. In all these positions he secured for himself the approbation of his brethren, and made a record which entitled him to the front rank in his Conferences. In the earlier years of his ministry his preaching was at times accompanied with great power, and he was considered a successful revivalist. He rejoiced greatly in his calling, and felt that the diligent cultivation of the fields of labor assigned him was at once a duty and a delight. His ministrations were the cause of the conversion of Bishop Marvin, of precious memory. The Bishop always regarded him as his spiritual father, and delighted to refer to the services which led to his conversion. It was beautiful to see them together; the Bishop still willing to sit at his feet, and looking up to him with gratitude, while he seemed oppressed with the honor of having given so distinguished a son to the Church. Brother Forsythe was twice married—the first time in St. Louis, on November 4, 1841, to Miss Maria Theresa, the daughter of Captain William Shepard, of New Orleans. There were born unto them seven children, three of whom died in com-

parative infancy; another, the first wife of Rev. H. R. Singleton, of the Mississippi Conference, died just as she had attained a beautiful and accomplished womanhood. Two daughters and a son survive. His first wife was an invalid for many years, and it was in the tender care with which he ministered to her in her declining years, and smoothed her passage to the grave, that his real character of gentleness and tenderness shone forth. No one could have been more attentive or more unselfish in his devotion. For the many years of her illness his patience never flagged, and his unwearying attention was equal to every demand upon him. His second wife was Miss Laura Steele, of Georgetown, Miss., to whom he was married on March 17, 1880. She proved a helpmeet indeed, and inspired him with renewed interest in his Master's cause. The last years of his life were made joyous and successful by his associations with her, and in his last illness she proved indeed an angel of mercy, anticipating every wish and striving to alleviate every pain. One little son, now six years old, was the fruit of his last marriage. The father's last prayer was for this precious one. Among his last utterances were: "Tell the brethren, my brethren of the Mississippi Conference, whom I love and have loved for so many years, to look after and take care of my precious little lamb and my wife. Don't forget to pray for them." His last illness was most protracted and painful. For over three months he suffered. His case seemed to baffle the skill of the many physicians who attended him. At least, none of their remedies gave permanent relief. He gradually grew weaker, and his disease progressed steadily forward to a crisis. He bore all his sufferings with Christian meekness and resignation. The promises of the gospel and religious services always gave him comfort, and produced a marked impression of quietude and resignation as long as he retained consciousness. Brother Forsythe was in many respects a model man; kind and gentle to every one; discreet, prudent, and of clean lips. He preached the truth as he learned it from the Methodist standards, and had no disposition to deal in vagaries. He was most orthodox in all his teachings. He was a safe man; could be trusted with any interest. His counsel could always be relied on as just the course that ought to be followed. It would be difficult to find a man more beautifully rounded in life and character. His living and dying most consistently and comfortingly illustrate the refinings of grace and the triumphs of faith. We shall sadly miss his genial association and his valued friendship, but his memory will ever furnish an inspiration to a pure life and to a consecrated ministry.

REV. JAMES NELSON WILLIAMS.

The Rev. James Nelson Williams was born in Charlottesville, Va., August 10, 1814. His father died before his birth and his mother soon afterward, so that he was thrown upon the world as a real orphan. He was cared for by an uncle of his, who had him learn the printing business. He came to Mississippi first in 1839, then to Texas for a short time, where he engaged in some of the wars under Gen. Sam Houston. He returned to Mississippi in 1840. For the last forty years he has lived in Scott County, where for a great many years he served in some of the civil offices of the county before he became a preacher. He was converted when a mere boy under the bush, where he was wont to pray in secret. It was clear and satisfactory. He told the good news to his friends, and they believed it. But after this he was wavering for many years. Sometimes he was in the Church and some of the time out. Strong drink was his besetting sin, and it came near being his ruin. In 1857 he joined the Methodist Protestant Church, and from that time to the close of his life he was firm and consistent. He demonstrated in his life for the last thirty years that a man can overcome even a besetting sin. His sobriety was undoubted by his many friends. He was licensed to exhort in 1864, to preach in 1865, ordained deacon in 1867, and ordained elder in 1869. He came into the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1870 by the union of the Mississippi Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church with this Conference at Crystal Springs. Since that time he has been on the supernumerary or superannuated list, yet doing more or less good in a somewhat limited sphere. He did mission-work near his home, and for two or three years he was colporteur for the South-western Bible Society. In this Bible work he canvassed the counties of Scott, Smith, and Rankin. This was an important part of his service for the Church. He was married to Miss Mary A. Wachter in Leake County, Mississippi, in 1840. They reared four sons and two daughters, all of whom are grown and trying to follow the godly admonitions and example of their father. Brother Williams was a man of small stature and frail constitution, but with a smiling, friendly face and warm, generous heart, he was well calculated to win the affections of those with whom he associated. As a preacher he was spiritual, often stirring the deepest emotions in his hearers. He suffered for years with chronic bronchitis, which gradually increased until it brought him to his death. He was conscious of the approaching end, spoke of it in familiar terms, and made arrangements for it. He died in peace September 6, 1887, at his home, surrounded by his family group. On the day following, after a funeral discourse by the

writer, from Daniel xii. 3, we interred his mortal remains in the graveyard on Brassell Hill, in the southern part of Scott County, Mississippi, to await the resurrection of the just at the last day.

C. McDONALD.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference? Local preachers, 170; white members, 32,265.

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 1,476.

Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 1,244.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 389.

Ques. 25. What is the number of Sunday-school teachers? 1,949.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 14,610.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$3,500.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$3,221.65. Applied to superannuates, widows, and orphans. (See report of Joint Board of Finance.)

Ques. 29. What has been contributed for Missions? Foreign Missions, \$5,701.37; Domestic Missions, \$1,508.85.

Ques. 30. What has been contributed to Church Extension? \$1,634.20.

Ques. 31. What is the number, and what is the estimated value, of church-edifices? Number, 384½; value, \$353,075.

Ques. 32. What is the number, and what is the estimated value, of parsonages? Number, 71; value, \$64,670.

Ques. 33. What are the educational statistics? Centenary College for Males: Chartered 1839; endowment, \$8,000; professors, 4; scholars, 50; value, \$80,000. Whitworth Female College: Value, \$17,000; value apparatus, \$500; volumes in library, 300; professors, 11; scholars, 170. Port Gibson Female College: Value, \$20,000; volumes in library, 100; teachers, 6; pupils, 65. East Mississippi Female College: Chartered 1872; value, \$20,000; large philosophical apparatus and cabinet; teachers, 8; pupils, 118. Woodville Female Seminary: Pupils, 60. Kavanaugh College for Males and Females: Founded 1884; value, \$1,500; faculty, 6; pupils, 132. Sea-shore District High School: No report.

Ques. 34. Where shall the next session of Conference be held?
Jackson, La.

Ques. 35. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

WOODVILLE DISTRICT.—JOHN A. ELLIS, P. E.

Woodville Station, B. Frank Jones.	East Feliciana, Nathan J. Roberts.
Percy Creek, Thomas W. Brown,	East Baton Rouge, George D. Anders.
Centerville, Parmenas Howard.	Livingston, Robert W. Tucker.
North Williamson, Mark H. Moore.	New River, to be supplied (by E. F.
Amite, J. Wilson Brown.	Singletary).
Wilson, Curtis D. Cecil.	Springfield, John W. Sandell.
Bayou Sara, David P. Bradford.	Amite City, Francis M. Keen.
Jackson (La.), Jules V. Penn, William	St. Helena, John W. Ellison.
L. Linfield.	Palmer's Institute, Amite City, Josiah
Pipkins Chapel, James Healey.	M. Pugh.
Clinton (La.), Levi S. Jones.	

SEA-SHORE DISTRICT.—THOMAS S. WEST, P. E.

Moss Point, J. Perry Drake.	West Pearl, John D. Crymes.
Ocean Springs, George F. Thompson.	Whittington, R. Aden Brelaud.
Pearlington, John W. Chambers.	Vancleave, Joseph J. Lovett.
Covington, to be supplied (by G. R. Ellis).	Americus, Marshall J. Marble.
Augusta, to be supplied (by A. P. Cox).	Bay St. Louis, Victor V. Boone.
Columbia, George H. Galloway.	Sea - shore, Benjamin Jones; Richard
Mt. Carmel, Robert B. Downer.	Abbey, Sup.
Bethel, William P. Meador.	William R. Simms, Assistant Professor
Hattiesburg, William W. Simmons.	Vanderbilt University.
Poplarville, John D. Hays.	

JACKSON DISTRICT.—DUNCAN A. LITTLE, P. E.

Jackson Station, Charles G. Andrews.	Benton, James S. Parker.
West Jackson, James M. Cowan.	Yazoo, Henry Lee Scarborough.
Madison, James A. Newsom.	Anding, J. Herbert Woodward.
Sharon, Clarence A. Powell.	Mt. Olivet, Samuel J. Cotton.
Camden, Ira B. Robertson.	Yazoo City Station, Robert S. Wood-
Canton, William Bryant Lewis.	ward.
Edwards, Inman W. Cooper.	Silver Creek, Newton M. Clark.
Raymond, William E. Ballard.	James W. Lambuth, Missionary to Ja-
Flora, William H. Huntley.	pan,

BRANDON DISTRICT.—PINCKNEY A. JOHNSTON, P. E.

Brandon Station, Francis M. Feather-	Hillsboro, Robert A. Sibley.
stun.	Fannin, James N. Tucker.
Marvin, Levi P. Meador.	Shiloh, Andrew D. Miller.
Neshoba, Matthew J. Miller.	Raleigh, John H. Evans.
Trenton, Burbon H. Rawls.	Newton, Isaac L. Peebles.

Lake, Hiram R. Caldwell.
Conehatta, James G. Cammack.
Walnut Grove, W. Warren Cammack;
John A. Vance, Sup.
Carthage, Daniel G. W. Ellis.

Westville, Paul M. Jones.
Morton and Forest, Claiborne McDonald.
Centenary College, Pinckney A. Johnston, Agent.

MERIDIAN DISTRICT.—ROBERT D. NORSWORTHY, P. E.

Meridian Station, Warren C. Black.
Meridian Circuit, Lazarus J. Jones.
Marion, Jacob H. Holland.
Enterprise, Benton S. Rayner.
Waynesboro and State Line, Edward F. Edgar.
Saundersville, James N. Ware.
Vosburg, D. Clarke Langford.
Paulding, John C. Brogan.
Shubuta, Lyman Carley.

Winchester, Joshua M. Morse.
Clarke, William W. Morse.
Union, Charles C. Campbell.
Binnsville, Robert F. Witt.
Lauderdale, Henry P. Lewis.
De Kalb, William G. Backus.
Leeksville, to be supplied (by J. V. Baldwin).
East Mississippi Female College, A. D. McVoy, President.

BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT.—JAMES M. WEEMS, P. E.

Brookhaven Station, Alexander F. Watkins.
Summit, Benjamin F. Lewis.
McComb City, Thomas W. Adams.
Adams, Martin L. Burton.
Wesson and Beauregard, Thomas L. Mellen.
Providence, William B. Hines.
Hazelhurst, Joseph T. Nicholson.
Gallman, George Bancroft.
Crystal Springs, Thomas B. Holloman.

Holmesville, Robert S. Gale.
Scotland, H. D. Howell.
Franklinton, Albert C. Flowers.
Bowerton, D. Fernando Guice.
New Hope, to be supplied (by Wm. Hoover).
Topasaw, James G. Sibley.
Kavanaugh College, H. Walter Featherston, President.
District Superintendent American Bible Society, James W. McLaurin.

VICKSBURG DISTRICT.—WILLIAM L. C. HUNNICUTT, P. E.

Vicksburg Station, Ransom J. Jones.
South Vicksburg, to be supplied (by W. T. Beall).
Utica, Francis M. Williams.
Washington, to be supplied (by L. B. McLaurin).
Natchez, Hiram R. Singleton.
Natchez (Wesley Chapel), Nolan B. Harmon.
Warren, Ralph Bradley.
South Warren, William P. Jones.
Mayersville, Virgil D. Skipper.

Anguilla, John W. Harmon.
Rolling Fork, William D. Dominick.
Rocky Springs, Walter W. Hurst.
Martin, Robert Selby.
Meadville, Harrison Bradford.
Burtonton, Benjamin M. Drake.
Roxie, Newton B. Young.
Fayette, John A. B. Jones.
Port Gibson Station and Female College, Edwin H. Mounger, Preacher in Charge and President.

TRANSFERRED.—J. W. Tinnin, to the East Texas Conference; Thomas C. Bradford, to the Indian Mission Conference, and appointed to Chilocco School.

REPORTS, BOARDS, ETC.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Board of Education think it would be time and words lost to write upon the importance of education. The man or the body of men who are not sufficiently convinced upon that subject in this age, by that fact itself is convicted of being unable to appreciate an argument or of being influenced by writing. The practical use of a report from this Board is to elicit thought upon the best method of bringing proper education within reach of the greatest number. The demand of every youth is for an education; the requirement of every enterprise is for skilled supervision; and yet many a mind is left untrained and many an interest goes neglected. How to bring the yearning mind into proper tutelage, and how to secure for every interest a furnished manipulation, is the important question. A question of most vital importance to parents and judicious guardians of youth is the selection of a proper school. Perhaps the most careful scrutiny should be exercised at the very outset. Contact with improper tutors in the primary school may sow seeds impossible to be eradicated, however anxious and earnest the future culture. It would be vastly better for children to blunder along with a teacher stupid of head than bad of heart and wanting in principle. Let them be taught right at the beginning. It is not indicative of a bigoted spirit, but simply of loyalty to our own faith, to set our faces as a flint against sending our children to any school where they would be taught theory or practice in conflict with our own. That would be arraying the school-room against family training. Whenever practicable, let our preachers and people establish primary schools within each circuit, and high schools within each district. Let us educate our own children, and let us do this as near home as possible. Long and careful observation bear us out in the conviction, other things being equal, that the locality in which one is to live and labor is the best in which to be educated. We have schools and colleges within our own territory which need only our patronage to make them all that is desirable.

We gather facts from the reports of the various institutions under our patronage as follows:

CENTENARY COLLEGE.

From the report of the President of the Board of Trustees, the patronage is about as it was in the former year to date of present session. Universal good order has prevailed, and the students are diligently improving their time and developing a high order of scholarship. A Young Men's Christian Association has been established among the students, and is very prosperous. Many of the students are professing Christians. Nine of them are preparing for the ministry; and nine are the sons of ministers. Since the resignation of Dr. Adams from the

Presidency, Professor George H. Wiley is acting President, assisted by a competent and sufficient corps of professors, and all the departments are admirably manned. The Board of Trustees will in due time elect a President. We are assured that our people resident in Mississippi and Louisiana cannot do better for their sons and wards than to send them to Centenary. We think it is sorrowful that our people, for some imaginary reason, should send to other schools than our own. As this is our only Conference Male College, let us by all means support it. Our hearty support will in a few years make it such an institution as would elicit our praise and demand the patronage of the public generally. Particularly do we give it as our earnest conviction that our young candidates for the ministry should go to Centenary College. One graduating from that institution will enter Conference with an attachment for our locality, and with a furnishment for his work which cannot be obtained elsewhere.

WHITWORTH FEMALE COLLEGE.

The President of the Board of Trustees reports that they have purchased the Brown House and the lots adjacent, so that we have all real estate and buildings necessary for the continued and successful management of the institution. One hundred and seventy students have been enrolled to date, ninety-six of them being boarders. President L. T. Fitzhugh has proved himself eminently suitable for his position, so that Whitworth College offers to the daughters of our people every facility for the highest and best education.

EAST MISSISSIPPI FEMALE COLLEGE

is in successful operation under the Presidency of Rev. A. D. McVoy. It has to date of present session one hundred and eighteen students, thirty of them boarders. The figures show an increase over those of last session, even to the end. We give this institution our hearty indorsement. We recommend the appointment of A. D. McVoy to the Presidency.

PORT GIBSON FEMALE COLLEGE.

The Secretary of the Board reports that the College is well officered, and the prospects are brightening. With Rev. E. H. Mounger as President, and the boarding-department under the management of Miss M. E. Compton, and a full corps of teachers in every department, the Board feel authorized in expecting a liberal share of patronage. We note with great interest, and we would bring it with emphasis before the Conference, that the Bible is used as a text-book in this institution.

WOODVILLE FEMALE COLLEGE

is progressing, with a patronage of about sixty students. This school has fine buildings and beautiful grounds, and well deserves the care and oversight of the Conference.

KAVANAUGH COLLEGE

is well situated in a salubrious region, furnishes good tuition at a reasonable price, and is well worthy of patronage. It had one hundred and twenty-nine students last year, and six instructors. We recommend the appointment of Rev. H. W. Featherstun to the Presidency. We recommend that the Rev. J. M. Pugh be appointed Professor of the Palmer Institute, Amite City. We offer for adoption the following resolutions:

1. That the preachers in charge be instructed to raise an amount for education equal to the assessment for the support of the Bishops.

2. That schools should be established under the control of the Church in circuits, stations, and districts, where it is practicable.

3. That we re-affirm with emphasis and earnestness that our people should patronize our own institutions.

C. G. ANDREWS, *Chairman of the Board.*

REPORT OF JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

To the Presiding Bishop and Members of the Mississippi Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South:

Brethren: Your Joint Board of Finance would report the assessments and payments by the several districts in this Conference to have been as follows:

	Assessed.	Paid.
Jackson District.....	\$ 600 00	\$ 581 70
Vicksburg District.....	600 00	516 30
Brandon District.....	375 00	242 75
Meridian District.....	550 00	528 45
Brookhaven District.....	550 00	544 00
Woodville District.....	410 00	375 76
Sea-shore District.....	415 00	296 50
Total.....	\$3,500 00	\$3,085 46
Surplus.....		8 54
Raised on Conference floor.....		31 00
		\$3,125 00

Showing that while there is a deficit which ought not to be, there has been an increase of \$492.66 over the payments of last year.

To the amount collected from the different pastoral charges is to be added \$75.65 for the Van Houten Trust Fund, making \$3,200.65 to be distributed among the respective claimants.

From the Calvin Fund, through Dr. Barbee, our Book Agent, we have received \$21 for distribution among the *twenty-five* widows whose names are upon our rolls—*eighty-four cents to each.*

Acting upon the best and all the information that we could obtain, we have made the best distribution possible of the small amount of funds at our disposal, regretting deeply that the amount was no larger. The distribution was made in accordance with the disciplinary requirements:

Claimant.	Paid to.	Amount.
Mrs. J. H. Shelton.....	R. J. Jones.....	\$ 59 25
Mrs. W. H. Watkins.....	H. R. Singleton.....	66 55
Mrs. G. Hawkins.....	B. S. Rayner.....	66 55
Mrs. P. Cooper.....	I. W. Cooper.....	30 05
Daisy Lusk.....	W. E. Ballard.....	43 85
A. B. Stewart's family.....	W. P. Jones.....	131 40
D. Merchant's family.....	T. S. West.....	175 20
Mrs. W. W. Drake.....	B. M. Drake.....	44 65
Mrs. William Finn.....	J. S. Parker.....	88 45
Mrs. R. J. Jones.....	B. S. Rayner.....	30 05

Claimant.	Paid to.	Amount.
Mrs. B. M. Drake.....	B. M. Drake.....	\$ 59 25
Mrs. V. H. Johnson.....	B. M. Drake.....	88 45
Mrs. A. M. Barrington.....	T. B. Holloman.....	59 25
D. W. Dillehay.....	I. L. Peebles.....	131 40
Mrs. William Wadsworth.....	J. V. Penn.....	88 45
John G. Jones.....	Self.....	58 40
Mrs. J. N. Williams.....	C. McDonald.....	88 45
Mrs. S. Dawson.....	J. W. Brown.....	44 65
Mrs. J. Nicholson.....	T. S. West.....	132 25
Mrs. J. S. Calhoun and children.....	J. P. Drake.....	132 25
T. Y. Armstrong.....	Self.....	131 40
Mrs. H. H. Montgomery.....	C. A. Powell.....	132 25
E. R. Strickland.....	Self.....	131 40
Mrs. W. E. M. Linfield.....	W. L. Linfield.....	88 45
Mrs. Jesse McKay.....	C. McDonald.....	88 45
Mrs. C. C. Watkins.....	W. L. Linfield.....	22 75
Mrs. M. C. Callaway.....	C. G. Andrews.....	59 25
C. W. Calhoun's children.....	M. J. Marble.....	131 40
Mrs. G. M. Gilmore.....	B. S. Rayner.....	132 25
Mrs. H. D. Berry.....	B. F. Lewis.....	88 45
Mrs. J. J. Smiley.....	W. C. Black.....	44 65
Mrs. D. Wiggins.....	C. A. Powell.....	132 25
Mrs. M. A. Bell.....	W. H. Huntley.....	44 65
James A. Godfrey.....	Self.....	131 40
A. B. Nicholson.....	Self.....	87 60
J. M. Gann.....	Self.....	37 70
Thomas Price.....	—.....	87 60
Mrs. R. H. Herbert.....	C. G. Andrews.....	31 00

We would further report \$10,000 to be the amount actually needed by these worthy claimants, to many of whom now living, and to those whose widows and children are committed to our care, the Church owes a debt of gratitude which can never be repaid. Notwithstanding the pressing needs of these claimants, the failure of so many charges to pay the small pittances asked of them prevents our increasing the assessments to meet the actual demands upon us. We therefore make the same assessments as were made last year, and urge upon our brethren, not only to collect the amount of their respective assessments, but to *double the amount, if possible.*

The assessments upon the districts are as follows:

Jackson District.....	\$ 600 00
Vicksburg District.....	600 00
Brandon District.....	375 00
Meridian District.....	550 00
Brookhaven District.....	550 00
Woodville District.....	10 00
Sea-shore District.....	415 00

For the Bishops' Fund the assessments and payments were as follows:

	Assessed.	Paid.
Jackson District.....	\$ 195 00	\$ 199 75
Vicksburg District.....	195 00	188 00
Brandon District.....	105 00	110 60
Meridian District.....	158 00	153 20
Brookhaven District.....	168 00	171 40
Woodville District.....	121 00	111 85
Sea-shore District.....	113 00	112 80
	<u>\$1,055 00</u>	<u>\$1,047 60</u>

The assessments are made the same as last year. We hope the full amount may be collected.

We estimate the amount necessary to defray expenses of delegates next General Conference at \$560.

T. L. MELLE, *Secretary*.

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Your committee note with feelings of mingled praise and gratitude to the Great Head of the Church the varied manifestations of his love and mercy to us during another eventful year. While our success has not been all that could be desired, yet the reports from the pastors are encouraging, and indicate substantial improvement in all departments of Church work. We rejoice to know that the promise "Lo! I am with you alway" is still being fulfilled. There is undoubted assurance that our people everywhere are growing in the grace of liberality, as may be seen by the report of the Statistical Secretary. The conscience of the Church is being quickened into a more earnest appreciation of the necessity of "rendering unto God the things which are God's," which we regard as prophetic of better things to come and a more triumphal march against the powers of darkness, sin, and death. While we, with grateful hearts, acknowledge the great mercy of our heavenly Father in the prosperity which has attended our labors, we are convinced that if our faithfulness had been commensurate with the divine goodness to us, a very marked difference would have been discoverable in the condition of the Church. We therefore think it an opportune time to reiterate our sentiments and convictions with regard to the dangers which threaten to deprive us, as a Church, of the spiritual power with which our fathers were so conspicuously and abundantly blessed—namely, the non-attendance of the Sunday-school children upon the public services of the Church; the general failure to hold class-meetings; the small number of our members who attend prayer-meetings; the failure of a large number to take the sacrament of the Lord's-supper, and to have their children baptized. We believe that we ought to insist on a more thoroughly consecrated ministry and a more consistent and godly walk on the part of our membership; therefore, be it

Resolved, that we very heartily indorse the position assumed by Brother Candler in a sermon preached in McKendree Church, in Nashville, Tenn., October 9, 1887, against the modern theater, and recommend that our pastors everywhere make an earnest effort to drive the spirit of worldliness out of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

C. A. POWELL, *Chairman*.

P. A. JOHNSON, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

The Sunday-school Board submits the following as its annual report:

The whole number of schools reported in our bounds this year is 389; officers and teachers, 1,946; number of scholars, 14,610; money expended for Sunday-school literature, \$2,945.06; money contributed by Sunday-schools for Missions, \$692.25; for other objects, \$437.34; money contributed on Children's Day for needy Sunday-schools, now in the hands of the Board, \$176.80. This does not include the 10 per cent. sent to the Parent Board. We are pleased to note the increase in zeal and results in Sunday-school work as manifested in these statistics. But we still have need to press forward to better methods and greater diligence. The Sunday-school occupies an important place among the means of grace, and opens an inviting field for Christian enterprise; and we doubt if the Church has, as yet, come to fully appreciate the immense possibilities of good to the cause of Christ of which it is capable. But while we thus exalt the Sunday-school as a department of the Church, we maintain that it is a subordinate and subsidiary institution. It is not intended to substitute, but supplement, home training. It should not be permitted to interfere with the attendance of the children upon the regular preaching service of the Church. God ordained preaching as the great means of saving the world, and nothing of mere human origin can take its place. But the Sunday-school, properly utilized, is a fine preparation for the preaching service, and an organized power for bringing the children to Christ and building them up in Christ. We desire to call attention to the recommendation of the Discipline that a Sunday-school Conference be held in each presiding elder's district, either during the session of the District Conference or at some other time during the Conference year. We believe that such a service at the District Conference, with a suitable programme, furnished in advance by the presiding elder, would increase the interest and usefulness of the District Conference itself, and advance the Sunday-school cause among our Churches. We would further recommend the proper observance of the third Sunday in May as Children's Day, as provided for by our last General Conference. So far as we have been able to learn, the observance of this day this year was attended with good results. The collections were not large, but we have in hand sufficient to give substantial aid to many needy Sunday-schools; and the money collected is, perhaps, the least of the good results of the celebration of the day. We would also recommend the use of Bibles instead of lesson helps in the Sunday-school exercises. Let the lesson papers be studied and left at home, and let the children be trained to handle and read the Word of God; and let them be encouraged to memorize verses of Scripture and repeat them in their recitations. It will be the means of storing their minds with useful knowledge and of planting in their hearts the good seed of divine truth.

Respectfully submitted.

W. B. LEWIS, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee regards the liquor-traffic as the corrupter of the youths of the land, as the blighter of the hopes of the aged, the foe to every interest of human society, the enemy of mankind from the cradle to the grave, and as a serious hinderance to the gospel.

The gloom, the sorrow, the disgrace which the saloon throws in the pathway of the tempted and fallen are the shadows of eternal death. The Indian legend has it that Niagara Falls was formed by the struggles of a dying serpent, but the slime and poison proceeding from this modern serpent, whose very life is fed by the avarice and stupidity of his subjects, have produced a chasm in human life in which the tears of orphans and widows, and the blood of his human victims flow on in a *terrible and awful volume*. How shall this evil be arrested? We answer:

1. By uniform and consistent example of those who profess to love God. Christians must be total abstainers in the strictest *sense of the word*. The mere sentiment of temperance will not avail, unless backed up by a life of total abstinence. The Church-member whose spirit of self-denial is not sufficiently strong to subordinate his carnal appetite to the good of God's kingdom—his experience in divine things is lamented.

2. The ballot must be used to destroy the evil of intemperance. The audacity, intrigue, and desperate efforts of the liquor-dealers have driven us to this measure. They leave no stone unturned. Their salaried agent, during the session of Congress, remains at his post to defeat every temperance bill. The cunning hand of the liquor-traffic is seen and felt in legislative halls. Christians, regardless of creed and race, should meet at the ballot-box, and vote as they pray. Good laws must be enacted, and good men—men of solid, godly principles—should be elected to enforce the law. No man should receive the vote of God's servants who is in *league with saloon interests*.

Methodists should ever remember that the Saviour of the world still closely scrutinizes the conduct of the children of men, as he in former days sat over against the treasury.

3. The agitation of the prohibition cause always results in good, though a temporary defeat may be the result of an election. The value of such moral victories is great. It is a noticeable fact that there is less drinking in places where the prohibition question is agitated than where there has been no agitation on the subject. We rejoice in the aid the Christian women are giving the temperance cause. With their motto, "A school-house on every hill-top, and no saloon in the valley,"—they are doing noble work for God, home, and native land; we would send them our love and sympathy, and bid them *Godspeed*.

Resolved, That while we rejoice in the history that Methodism has always sustained toward the temperance cause, we, the members of the Mississippi Conference, do pledge ourselves to aid, in every legitimate method, the suppression of the liquor-traffic and the final triumph of prohibition.

Resolved, That as the liquor-traffic is an enemy to the Methodist Church, it is highly inconsistent for members of the Methodist Church to aid, by their signature or vote, any measure that would foster or strengthen the saloons of America.

Resolved, That we memorialize the Legislatures of the States of Mississippi and Louisiana to pass a law prohibiting the sale of liquor within five miles of any place where a Conference school is located.

INMAN W. COOPER, *Chairman*.

J. V. PENN, *Secretary*.

REPORT ON BIBLE CAUSE.

Knowing that the entrance of God's word giveth light and life, and that there are only two effective ways of reaching the masses with this sacred word, and that

the written word is one of the most effective ways, we feel it our duty as a Church to put forth special efforts to place the Word of God in the hands of every one. While we congratulate ourselves, as a Church, with the success already achieved in this direction, yet the fact remains beyond dispute that a large portion of our own people are still without the written Word of God. Brother N. B. Young, Agent American Bible Society of this Conference, states that in two parishes he found two hundred families destitute of the Word of God. This reveals to us a state of things that is both startling and interesting. The Word of God is the sword of the spirit. We deplore the fact that the Sunday-school lesson papers have, to too great an extent, displaced the use of the Bible itself. We insist on the preachers and Sunday-school superintendents using their efforts to have the Bible used in both the Church services and in the Sunday-schools. We recommend that the preachers everywhere assist the American Bible Society in organizing auxiliary societies in their pastoral charges; and where this is impracticable that they take collections in their various congregations, to aid in furthering this good work. We recommend and insist further that each preacher exert himself to put the Word of God in the hands of every family, at least in the bounds of his work. We recommend that the Bishop appoint a suitable agent to travel throughout the Conference, both to sell Bibles and to work up an interest in this great cause. In view of the fact that the American Bible Society has done, and is still doing, a great work throughout our whole country, and in many other portions of the world, in circulating God's Holy Word among the people,

Resolved, That our pastors be requested to co-operate with the Society in its work in our midst, by assisting the District Superintendent, Rev. J. W. McLaurin, in organizing auxiliary societies, and by taking collections for the parent society in territory where no auxiliary societies are organized.

Respectfully submitted, in behalf of committee. M. H. MOORE, *Secretary*.

REPORT ON DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

To the Bishop and Members of the Mississippi Annual Conference, M. E. Church, South.

Dear Brethren: Your Committee on District Conference Records beg leave to submit the following report:

We have had before us the records of the Jackson, Vicksburg, Woodville, Brookhaven, Brandon, Meridian, and Sea-shore Districts—all the districts in the Conference. We have found the records of the Sea-shore, Meridian, Vicksburg, Brandon, and Brookhaven Districts neatly and correctly kept—especially those of the Brandon, Brookhaven, and Sea-shore Districts. In the record of the Jackson District the order of business is improperly kept, the composition is imperfect, the punctuation quite defective, and the whole record abounds in mistakes in orthography. In the record of the Woodville District the proper attention is not given to paragraphs. In several instances the report of one preacher closes and the report of another begins on the same line. The same fault is found in noting the intervals between the sessions of different days, and the two several sessions of the same day. Several instances of interlining and erasures occur throughout the minutes. There is no uniformity in the recording of the reports of the various committees. Some of the reports occur in the body of the minutes, while others are reserved for the Appendix. There are also several abbreviations. We would suggest a different method of recording the signatures of the President and Secretary at the close of the session.

Respectfully submitted.

B. F. LEWIS, *Chairman*.

REPORT ON OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

Your Committee on the Observance of the Sabbath would report that, though we have no information before us concerning any flagrant violation of the Sabbath by our people, yet because of the disposition of the trading, traveling, and sporting world to change this from a day devoted to the service of God to a day for business and amusements, we think that as a branch of the Christian Church we would fail in our duty should we hesitate to declare our position concerning the sanctity of the positive command, "Remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy." That the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath, we accept as a Scripture truth, but not in that low, perverted sense in which those interpret it, who, to gratify their spirit of avarice, ignore the religious claims of the day and deprive thousands of their employees of the rest necessary to the body and the privileges of the house of God. Neither do we agree with those who would prostitute this much-loved and highly cherished institution to a day of dissipation, revelry, and debauchery. Because of the strong and pernicious influence against, and organized opposition to, the right observance of this holy day, it well becomes the duty of the Church of Christ to give forth no uncertain sound as to her high regard for this blessed command; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we, as a Conference, urge upon our people a more strict observance of the day, and to use their influence against all violations of its sanctity by individuals, associations, and corporations.

2. That we deprecate and censure all unnecessary travel by our people on the Sabbath, on public conveyances of any kind whatsoever.

T. B. HOLLOMAN, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF BOARD OF MISSIONS.

It is too late in the Christian era to argue the claims that heathen nations and destitute regions within our borders hold on the liberality of enlightened Christians. Our forward marching orders are too clear in tone for us to hesitate, even though failure should meet us at every step. How much more joyfully should we go forward. A plain pathway through *all* the seas opens before our onward march. The Pillar of Cloud and Fire guides to conquest and final victory. The report from every foreign field entered by our Church is cheering. From Japan especially the cry for help is thrilling. It is being responded to more heartily by our Conference than any like call ever was before. Dr. Lambuth's request through our *New Orleans Christian Advocate* has been fulfilled to overflowing. More than enough to send forth a new herald of salvation has been voluntarily laid on this altar. One of our own men is ready to go, if chosen to that important work. We hear of constant growth in our western and border missions. The aggregate contributed by our Conference for Foreign Missions this year far exceeds former collections. We have in hand cash and receipts from Dr. Kelley, \$7,495, being an advance of \$2,594.50 on last year's total, and going beyond our assessment by \$591. The week of prayer and self-denial was a blessing to us, adding nearly \$2,000 to our grand total. In one charge (possibly in others) an average of \$2 per member was contributed for Missions during the year of grace, 1887.

Our sisters of the Woman's Missionary Society also have had gratifying advancement along parallel lines. We bid them Godspeed. They do not hinder, but greatly help us. Collections for Domestic Missions have had a substantial

increase of \$253 beyond last year's collections, from the various charges. These figures do not measure half our duty to this special line of work lying so near our own homes. Thirteen faithful and efficient men have been somewhat aided by the small amount already collected, \$1,379.50. Their appropriations, though shamefully meager, cannot be fully met without a liberal collection *to-night*. Notwithstanding their straitness they have brought up good reports, *e. g.* : over 400 accessions to the Church; 1,500 Sunday-school scholars; \$170 raised for Missions; \$3,000 raised for building and repairing churches within their own borders. This represents but a small part of the grand result of this arm of our service. Let us devise more liberal things and move to far higher achievement.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board. J. P. DRAKE, *Secretary*.

Supplemental.

On Saturday night, at the Methodist Church, a good audience was addressed by Drs. Barbee and Winfield, and the sum of \$253.15 in cash and subscriptions was raised. This brings our collections for the year to the following figures:

Foreign Missions.....	\$5,631 32
Self-denial.....	1,990 73
Domestic Missions.....	1,506 10
Total.....	\$9,128 15

1. *Resolved*, That our Conference anniversaries hereafter shall be held on Thursday night.

2. That we will take our Foreign Mission collection by or before the 1st of April.

3. That we will use greater diligence to instruct our people in the great need of our domestic work, in the advantages accruing therefrom, and in their duty to give freely to this cause.

4. That we adopt the first week in April as a time for prayer and self-denial, and that our pastors be urged to bring this matter fully before their people, and strive to secure a good contribution from their congregations in this behalf.

J. P. DRAKE, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Dr.

To amount of cash received for Foreign Missions.....	\$2,687 00
To amount of receipts of D. C. Kelley, Treasurer.....	2,887 82
To amount of one-half anniversary collections and subscriptions.....	126 55
Total.....	\$5,701 37

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By amount of cash forwarded to D. C. Kelley, Treasurer.....	\$2,687 00
By amount of receipts of D. C. Kelley, Treasurer.....	2,887 82
By amount of one-half anniversary subscriptions.....	126 55
Total.....	\$5,701 37

Dr.

To amount of receipts and cash for Domestic Missions.....	\$1,379 50
To one-half the anniversary collection.....	126 60
To balance in the treasury from last year.....	2 75
Total.....	\$1,508 85

Cr.

By amount paid N. B. Harmon, who served Wesley Chapel.....	\$ 100 00
By amount paid J. H. Woodward, who served South Warren.....	100 00
By amount paid E. A. Flowers, who served Roxie.....	75 00
By amount paid William Hoover, who served Monticello.....	50 00
By amount paid L. J. Jones, who served Sandersville.....	100 00
By amount paid F. M. Keene, who served West Jackson.....	150 00
By amount paid J. D. Hays, who served Scranton.....	125 00
By amount paid V. V. Boone, who served Flint Creek.....	100 00
By amount paid J. N. Tucker, who served Poplarville.....	100 00
By amount paid B. Jones, who served Sea-shore.....	75 00
By amount paid H. L. Scarborough, who served Livingston.....	100 00
By amount paid J. W. Sandell, who served Springfield.....	100 00
By amount paid D. A. Little, who served Brandon District.....	300 00
By amount of balance in the treasury.....	33 85
Total.....	\$1,508 85

Apportionments for Missions for 1888.

	Foreign.	Domestic.
Jackson District.....	\$1,290 00	\$ 340 00
Vicksburg District.....	1,290 00	340 00
Meridian District.....	1,220 00	320 00
Brookhaven District.....	1,130 00	300 00
Woodville District.....	1,070 00	280 00
Brandon District.....	930 00	240 00
Sea-shore District.....	930 00	240 00
Total.....	\$7,860 00	\$2,060 00

W. L. C. HUNNICUTT, *Treasurer.*

REPORT ON PUBLISHING INTEREST.

To the Bishop and Members of the Mississippi Conference.

The publication of pure Christian literature has ever lain and will ever lie near the hearts of all Methodists, and it should be our purpose by persistent effort, both by precept and example, to spread a pure, chaste, and elevated type of literature throughout all our fields of labor. Two prime factors essential for developing and perfecting the human family are intellectual culture and heart purification. These are inseparable. Hence we, as a Christian Church, should see that in the intellectual culture and the development of moral character among our people and their children, a sufficient supply of pure, elevated literature is placed in their hands. Our standard of literature is being continuously elevated, and it must be diligently circulated, that we may successfully wrestle with the shoddy productions of other publishing companies, and the subtle fallacies of infidelity as they are being insinuated into our homes in the form of attractive literature. The publications of our own Publishing House will meet all the demands of our people, and, if carefully perused, will inspire a thirst for knowledge that will continue to increase with every returning year. And we think the time has come when our Publishing House ought to furnish us with a cheaper literature, and offer greater

inducements to colporteurs to sell our books. We rejoice to be able to direct the attention of our Church to the pleasing and encouraging facts stated in the report of the Business Manager of our Publishing House, Brother L. D. Palmer, from which we learn that the "old debt" is being steadily reduced, until now it is less than \$25,000. This places our Publishing House virtually out of debt, as the assets are in a handsome excess of the liabilities. Its business, we are glad to say, is conducted on a cash basis. Its total business during the last year amounted to \$282,462 and its net gain for the year amounted to \$72,493. The *Nashville Advocate* and our Sunday-school periodicals are worthy of our hearty support, and are eloquent tributes to the untiring energy and unquestioned ability of the editors. We are glad to say the Publishing Committee of the *New Orleans Christian Advocate* "believe the outlook into the future" for that paper is bright and hopeful. Its subscription has slightly increased, but its numbers ought to be doubled during the year 1888. We would recommend that our ministers use our own hymns in preference to any other, and that our new Hymnal be circulated among our people as soon as it is published. This committee would call special attention to "The History of Methodism in Mississippi," by our own venerable brother, the Rev. John G. Jones. This book is worthy of our hearty commendation. Our people need it. It should be in every Methodist home in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama. It is a monument alike to the worth and ability of its author that will never fade. As a contribution to our standard literature, it is a book of no small value. We rejoice at the success of the *Southern Methodist Review* under the able editorship of Dr. Harrison, and we bespeak for it a liberal patronage among our preachers and laymen. In conclusion, we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz.:

1. We recommend to the Book Agent the establishment of a system of colportage, to include the following provisions: Let there be a special line of select literature adapted to this work, to be made up of such existing matter as may be found suitable, and of new matter as may appear from time to time, all to be designated and distinguished from all other prints by suitable signet or other artistic ornamentation. This entire line of prints—to be increased as rapidly as may be found convenient from time to time—will be sold to such colporteurs as may be assigned to that work by a Bishop or by an Annual Conference, or by a presiding elder, or District or Quarterly Conference, at strictly minimum cost, and on liberal, but reasonably safe, conditions as to time, when desired—such colporteurs to be furnished also with other books at such prices, below the regular catalogue, as the Book Agent may deem advisable, provided the above can be done without loss to the Publishing House.

2. Colporteurs enjoying the above-named advantages will be required to distribute the House Catalogue throughout his region of travel to any extent that may be required by the Book Agent, free of expense to the House, and also to sell the Discipline and Hymn-book at such reduced price as the Book Agent may prescribe. He will also receive such compensation for Bible distribution and procuring subscribers to the Church periodicals as may be agreed upon.

3. We deem it almost a matter of unspeakable importance that a knowledge of the existence and business of our Publishing House be carried among the masses outside the walks of Methodism. With an almost monopoly of the whole South, its book trade can, we think, be greatly extended beyond its present area of patronage.

B. F. JONES, *Secretary*.

REPORT ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

It is gratifying to be able to report the constantly growing interest which there is on the subject of Church Extension. The contributions to this cause have increased each year from the beginning. This annual increase has not been large, but sufficient to prove that the cause has commended itself to the thoughtful consideration of the Church. It could not be otherwise, since it is only by the erection of churches that we really enter in and permanently possess the land. The preaching of the word and the building of houses for the worship of God go hand in hand, and the latter is scarcely less important than the former.

This is the era of church-building, stimulated largely by the Church Extension enterprise. The churches we now erect are ours alone. This cause puts all parts of our work in the closest sympathy with each other. Besides this, in no other field have the harvests been as great. The cause, therefore, eminently deserves the hearty support of all our people.

During the past Church year Dr. Morton, Secretary of the General Board, and Bishop Galloway, according to request of this Board, visited in our bounds the following places: Meridian, Crystal Springs, Yazoo City, Vicksburg, and Natchez, in behalf of the Paine Loan Fund. They secured subscriptions to this fund to the amount of \$2,236, on which, up to this date, the sum of \$822.50 has been paid. Contributions to this cause to the amount of \$3,000 are yet needed to accomplish the original design. The Board again solicits Dr. Morton and Bishop Galloway to canvass for this fund in our bounds at such times and places as they may judge most proper. The presiding elders, also, are asked to bring this matter before the District Conferences during the ensuing year.

A beginning has been made in the Woman's Department of Church Extension, which has for its specific object the building of parsonages. Several auxiliary societies have been organized, and the work is developing. This favorable state of affairs is due mostly to the untiring effort of Conference Secretary, Mrs. E. D. Jones.

The following District Secretaries of the Woman's Department of Church Extension were elected by our Board: For Jackson District, Mrs. D. McRea, of Raymond; for Meridian District, Miss Addie Purnell; for Brandon District, Miss Clara Harmon; for Sea-shore District, Mrs. T. S. West, assisted by Mrs. G. W. Brown; for Brookhaven District, Miss C. A. Lampkin; for Woodville District, Miss E. Maggie Ellis; for Vicksburg District, Mrs. F. A. Dicks; Conference Secretary, Mrs. E. D. Jones; Conference Treasurer, Mrs. O. S. Robins.

The Board resolved that any Parsonage Society on a charge that has no parsonage should be allowed to retain at home, and appropriate there, one-half of all receipts from dues—this to continue in force till otherwise directed.

We have made the following appropriations to Churches asking aid in building:

To Augusta, Perry County.....	\$ 50 00
To Laurel, Jones County.....	75 00
To Gallman, Copiah County.....	75 00
To McNair, Jefferson County.....	125 00
To Slaughter, East Feliciana Parish, La.....	100 00
To West Jackson.....	150 00
To Union Academy, Marion County.....	50 00
To Augusta, Perry County—a loan.....	75 00
Total.....	\$700 00

The amount which has come into the hands of the Treasurer this year is \$1,578.70.

We have made the following apportionment to the several districts of the assessment for Church Extension upon our Conference.

To Jackson District.....	\$ 400 00
To Vicksburg District.....	400 00
To Meridian District.....	390 00
To Brookhaven District.....	330 00
To Woodville District.....	300 00
To Sea-shore District.....	300 00
To Brandon District.....	280 00
Total.....	\$2,400 00

We request the preachers not only to be diligent in taking the collections for Church Extension, but to bring the cause prominently before their respective congregations, that our people may be fully informed as to its benefits.

E. H. MOUNGER, *Secretary.*

REPORT ON ENDOWMENT FUND.

Your committee appointed at the last session of this Conference to consider the matter of increasing the collections for the support of the superannuates, widows, and orphans, and of securing an endowment for the Conference Fund and to report their plan to this session of Conference, beg leave to report the following:

We think it is best for this Conference to appoint a Board of Trustees, this Board to be chartered by the State, with all power necessary to transact such business; that the Endowment Fund be raised by subscription, donations, and bequests. Lands held by this corporation for the benefit of the Church will be free from taxation. This Board of Trustees should be under the control of the Conference.

Respectfully submitted.

J. P. DRAKE, F. M. FEATHERSTUN,
P. A. JOHNSON, C. G. ANDREWS,
T. B. HOLLAMAN, L. T. FITZHUGH,
R. S. WOODWARD, M. M. EVANS,
W. L. NUGENT, L. CARLEY,
A. G. MAYERS.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

R. L. Woodward, President; R. Babington, Vice-president; W. L. C. Hunnicutt, Treasurer; J. P. Drake, Secretary; Irvin Miller, L. Carley, P. Richardson, J. P. Carter, A. F. Watkins, J. V. Penn, Henry Key, R. W. Millsaps, A. G. Mayers, J. H. Thompson, S. L. Cope, B. Jones, W. W. Cammack.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

W. B. Lewis, J. T. Nicholson, H. R. Singleton, P. Howard, R. Bradley, C. McDonald, D. A. Little, George Harvey, D. W. Rembert, Irvin Miller, R. Babington, L. P. Brown, C. H. Wood, G. H. Wiley.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

W. L. Nugent, W. C. Black, E. H. Mounger, J. A. Ellis, W. B. Lewis, L. Carley, R. Babington, T. A. Holloman, W. M. Thornton.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

Admission on Trial.—B. Jones, T. L. West, J. A. Ellis.

First Year.—R. J. Jones, B. S. Rayner, B. F. Jones.

Second Year.—J. M. Weems, T. H. Holloman, L. Carley.

Third Year.—W. L. C. Hunnicutt, D. A. Little, W. E. Ballard.

Fourth Year.—W. C. Black, J. W. McLaurin, J. P. Drake.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

C. G. Andrews, R. J. Jones, T. L. Mellen, W. D. Dominick, L. S. Jones, E. H. Mounger, L. Carley, W. L. Nugent, N. J. Vick, W. Bethea, J. W. Belle, J. L. Dantzler, J. B. Chatfield.

VISITING COMMITTEES.

Whitworth College.—W. L. C. Hunnicutt, H. R. Singleton.

Centenary College.—J. A. Ellis, R. J. Jones.

East Mississippi Female College.—E. F. Edgar, B. S. Rayner.

Port Gibson Female College.—W. E. Ballard, P. A. Johnson.

Kavanaugh College.—J. T. Nicholson, B. F. Lewis.

Sea-shore District High School.—W. W. Simmons, G. H. Galloway.

Woodville Seminary.—B. F. Jones, J. V. Penn.

TRUSTEES OF CONFERENCE ENDOWMENT FUND.

T. L. Mellen, R. J. Jones, J. P. Drake, F. M. Featherstun, B. S. Bayner, C. G. Andrews, B. F. Jones.

MINUTES

OF THE

Ministerial Educational Association.

THE Ministerial Educational Association met in the Hall of Representatives, Jackson, Miss., December 17, 1887, with Rev. A. F. Watkins, President, in the chair. The roll was called, and the following members were present: C. G. Andrews, B. F. Jones, D. F. Guice, C. K. Marshall, J. V. Penn, M. L. Burton, A. F. Watkins, J. M. Weems, G. H. Wiley, H. Bradford, H. R. Singleton, D. P. Bradford, R. D. Norsworthy, and R. W. Millsaps.

The Secretary reported that the Association had three young men under its care at Centenary College—viz., James T. Leggett, H. W. VanHook, and E. B. O'Quinn—and that they were progressing finely in every respect.

Dr. T. A. S. Adams, Treasurer, made his report, showing in detail an expenditure of \$155. It was received and filed. The collector reported \$110 cash on notes and contributions. He also reported that the notes given up to date amounted to \$2,400; besides a list of occasional contributors.

On motion the following resolutions were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That an annual report be made by beneficiaries, and their appointments renewed.
2. That the Secretary notify each member on the first day of September that the annual payment is due.
3. That a written report be required annually from the President, Treasurer, and Secretary.
4. That there shall be held a regular meeting of the Association during the session, or near the date of the Annual Conference, and an annual meeting of the Board of Managers between the first of June and the first day of September, the time to be determined by the President, who shall also have power to call a meeting at any time.
5. That a committee of three be appointed by the President to revise the Constitution and report at our next regular meeting.

6. That any young man who desires assistance from the Association must come recommended by the Quarterly Conference of which he is a member, and this recommendation shall be approved by the Board of Managers, or a majority of them, before his name shall be enrolled by the Secretary as a beneficiary.

7. That the note given by a beneficiary shall state that he will refund the money advanced him as soon as possible; that he will at least pay ten dollars annually until the entire amount advanced him shall have been paid.

The election of officers resulted as follows: A. F. Watkins, President, Brookhaven, Miss.; R. W. Millsaps, First Vice-president, Jackson, Miss.; J. A. Ellis, Second Vice-president, Amite City, Louisiana; J. V. Penn, Secretary and Collector, Jackson, La.; C. G. Andrews, Treasurer, Jackson, Miss.; J. M. Weems, Brookhaven, Miss.; and B. F. Jones, Woodville, Miss., Managers.

The application of W. G. Middleton was presented by I. W. Cooper, and, on motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion the President was requested to write to the *Advocate* concerning our work and objections thereto.

On motion the Association adjourned.

A. F. WATKINS, *President*.

J. V. PENN, *Secretary*.

N. B.—Any other information cheerfully given by any of the officers.

Memberships, Baptisms, and Church Property.

JACKSON DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Net Gain.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Value of Churches.	No. of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of Other Church Property.	Money Expended for Churches and Parsonages.
Yazoo City.....	.....	130	.....	.....	1	4	.....	\$ 5,000	1	\$ 2,000	.....	\$ 225
Edwards.....	.....	200	.....	.....	5	3	.....	2,500	1	1,500	\$200	20
Flora.....	.....	91	.....	1	.....	4	.....	2,000	1	500	.....	325
Silver Creek.....	.....	79	23	12	11	4	.....	2,500	1	250	.....	900
Jackson.....	3	253	.....	6	20	1	.....	20,000	1	3,000	500	.....
Benton.....	.....	530	30	18	8	6	.....	5,500	1	800	.....	17
Raymond.....	.....	177	2	8	.....	3	.....	4,600	1	1,000	.....	275
Canton.....	1	196	14	5	12	1	.....	4,000	1	1,500	.....	275
West Jackson.....	1	74	62	2	1	4	.....	2,300	.....	.....	.....	.....
Camden.....	2	210	3	.....	4	13	4	3,600	1	500	.....	60
Spring Ridge.....	1	188	1	.....	2	3	4	2,000	.....	.....	.....	36
Sharon.....	5	296	10	7	9	5	.....	3,500	1	700	.....	613
Madison.....	2	130	20	4	3	4	.....	4,000	1	1,000	.....	56
Mt. Olive.....	2	359	.....	11	10	4	.....	3,750	1	600	50	773
Total.....	17	2,913	4	129	84	101	45	\$65,250	12	\$13,350	\$750	\$3,575

WOODVILLE DISTRICT.

East Baton Rouge.....	2	396	121	61	15	3	.....	\$15,000	1	\$ 370	.....	.....
St. Helena.....	1	675	75	27	34	8	.....	4,000	1	600	.....	\$ 67
Clinton.....	1	120	1	.....	5	1	.....	1,000	1	1,000	.....	175
North Wilkinson.....	3	546	46	24	21	8	.....	3,200	1	450	.....	300
Jackson.....	5	214	32	8	7	2	.....	5,500	.....	.....	\$80,000	259
East Feliciana.....	1	484	63	20	21	7	.....	3,500	.....	.....	.....	450
Percy's Creek.....	.....	81	5	3	3	1	.....	800	1	800	.....	.....
Woodville.....	.....	180	20	3	1	1	.....	4,000	1	2,500	6,000	.....
Amite City.....	2	141	16	5	7	2	.....	2,500	1	500	50	260
Wilson.....	2	251	16	14	18	4	.....	4,000	1	500	.....	1,000
Springfield.....	1	74	36	1	28	2	.....	600	.....	.....	50	90
Pipkins.....	.....	142	4	.....	30	2	.....	2,000	.....	.....	125	.....
Bayou Sara.....	.....	198	.....	.....	5	3	.....	1,500	1	500	.....	86
Amite.....	.....	483	52	22	24	6	.....	3,600	.....	1,100	.....	114
Livingston.....	2	362	19	9	34	6	.....	1,500	.....	25	.....	10
Total.....	20	4,347	1	466	197	253	56	\$39,200	9	\$8,345	\$86,225	\$2,811

MERIDIAN DISTRICT.

Adamsville.....	.....	175	18	12	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stonewall.....	1	257	60	11	4	3	.....	\$ 700	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clarke.....	3	604	21	14	19	5	.....	2,700	1	\$ 250	.....	\$ 70
Lauderdale.....	4	478	47	12	10	5	.....	3,500	1	600	\$ 100	40
Marion.....	2	465	30	24	31	6	.....	2,500	1	500	.....	.....
Binnsville.....	1	275	50	27	15	2	.....	1,300	1	600	.....	200
Waynesboro & State Line.....	.....	225	31	8	16	2	.....	1,500	1	500	.....	250
Vosburg.....	1	241	30	9	10	5	.....	2,500	1	1,000	.....	.....
Sandersville.....	1	300	40	21	.....	3	.....	1,000	.....	.....	1,000	200
West End, Meridian.....	2	149	31	11	2	3	.....	3,000	.....	.....	.....	250
De Kalb.....	.....	278	51	30	7	4	.....	2,200	1	300	.....	.....
Shubuta.....	1	346	101	10	22	4	.....	2,400	1	1,000	.....	11
Winchester.....	2	520	41	34	4	9	.....	2,500	.....	.....	.....	300
Meridian.....	1	489	.....	4	14	1	.....	14,000	1	3,000	20,200	1,928
Enterprise & Heidelberg.....	.....	232	30	11	41	2	.....	4,000	1	1,400	.....	154
Paulding.....	.....	433	.....	10	26	9	.....	2,000	1	200	400	120
Total.....	19	5,467	500	248	261	63	.....	\$45,800	11	\$9,350	\$21,700	\$3,523

BRANDON DISTRICT.

Forest and Morton.....	3	408	80	37	10	5	.....	\$ 4,500	2	\$ 900	.....	\$ 127
Hillsboro.....	6	395	.....	10	15	6	.....	1,500	.....	.....	\$ 25	247
Carthage.....	1	265	5	11	3	3	.....	900	1	500	.....	30
Westville.....	2	345	13	12	4	3	.....	1,000	.....	.....	350	.....
Shiloh.....	2	552	57	16	10	7	.....	4,000	1	500	350	280
Lake.....	1	435	.....	19	22	5	.....	3,500	1	500	800	150
Fanning.....	1	355	43	28	5	6	.....	2,200	1	250	.....	600
Newton.....	2	382	11	32	8	4	.....	3,500	1	1,200	.....	64
Brandon.....	1	190	5	7	13	1	.....	7,000	1	700	.....	85
Raleigh.....	1	482	53	16	23	2	.....	1,000	1	300	.....	346
Neshoba.....	3	551	15	16	4	8	.....	2,500	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marvin.....	3	422	54	20	4	6	.....	2,000	1	500	.....	200
Trenton.....	3	555	16	13	22	7	.....	1,200	1	200	200	29
Walnut Grove.....	9	612	24	14	21	3	.....	1,500	1	350	500	.....
Total.....	38	5,949	343	251	164	66	.....	\$36,300	12	\$5,900	\$2,225	\$2,158

VICKSBURG DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Net Gain.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Value of Churches.	No. of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of Other Church Property.	Money Expended for Churches and Parsonages.
Fayette.....	3	403	.....	9	6	5	5	\$ 7,000	1	\$ 1,700	\$ 165	\$ 536
Martin.....	.....	234	1	127	13	6	3	2,000	.....	.....	.....	88
Rocky Springs.....	1	297	.....	1	14	17	5½	3,300	1	850	.....	85
South Warren.....	1	75	.....	19	.....	3	4	2,000	.....	.....	.....	.....
Warren.....	1	319	.....	18	8	19	4	3,500	1	800	.....	100
Meadville.....	3	596	.....	4	4	5	1	1,000	1	450	50	100
Roxie.....	.....	86	.....	16	17	2	1	1,150	.....	.....	100	633
Jefferson Street, Natchez.....	.....	272	.....	26	3	15	1	25,000	1	2,000	.....	.....
Mayersville.....	.....	51	.....	12	1	8	1	1,000	1	700	.....	75
Port Gibson.....	.....	122	.....	10	6	6	1	10,000	1	1,500	20,000	425
Vicksburg.....	1	336	.....	38	7	12	2	13,400	1	3,000	1,200	1,450
Utica.....	1	238	.....	5	7	4	1	4,000	1	700	.....	166
Deer Creek.....	1	125	.....	37	10	3	3	2,400	1	800	.....	1,027
Burtonton.....	.....	156	.....	3	12	4	1	2,200	.....	.....	.....	925
Washington.....	.....	110	1	.....	2	2	3	9,300	.....	.....	300	.....
Wesley Chapel, Natchez.....	1	281	.....	54	16	14	1	2,000	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	13	3,710	2	137	117	151	48½	\$89,250	10	\$12,500	\$21,815	\$5,690

BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT.

Hazlehurst.....	2	318	.....	20	12	6	1	\$ 2,700	1	\$1,000	.....	\$ 277
Bowerton.....	7	638	.....	82	53	38	4	2,300	.....	.....	.....	.....
McComb.....	1	412	.....	31	4	5	3	5,000	.....	.....	.....	19
Monticello.....	1	288	.....	76	27	38	4	800	.....	.....	.....	.....
Franklinton.....	1	363	.....	103	50	20	6	3,500	1	1,200	\$ 15	1,843
Providence.....	1	356	.....	.....	8	3	5	2,700	1	600	400	25
Wessen and Beauregard.....	4	521	.....	61	25	30	2	4,500	1	1,200	.....	206
Scotland.....	1	467	.....	5	10	20	5	3,000	1	375	150	475
Crystal Springs.....	2	257	.....	2	4	9	1	4,000	1	2,000	50	40
Brookhaven.....	.....	244	.....	17	12	10	1	4,000	1	1,700	75,000	435
Terry.....	2	326	.....	24	9	11	6	3,400	.....	.....	40	375
Holmesville.....	9	697	.....	56	32	37	6	4,500	1	500	400	993
Adams.....	7	495	1	118	37	42	3	2,600	.....	.....	.....	525
Summit.....	3	199	.....	7	2	2	3	4,000	1	500	.....	70
Total.....	41	5,481	1	514	290	271	49	\$47,000	9	\$9,075	\$76,055	\$4,743

SEA-SHORE DISTRICT.

Whittington.....	5	607	.....	10	8	25	2	\$ 550	.....	.....	\$1,000	.....
Scranton.....	3	109	.....	6	5	5	3	2,150	.....	.....	.....	\$ 18
Bethel.....	.....	461	.....	60	28	26	3	450	.....	.....	.....	10
Pearlington.....	.....	96	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2,800	1	\$ 800	.....	165
Ocean Springs.....	2	264	.....	86	16	14	2	4,000	.....	.....	400	75
Vanceleave.....	4	492	.....	217	20	39	9	1,200	1	400	300	190
Flint Creek.....	1	166	.....	56	16	20	3	850	.....	.....	.....	593
Moss Point.....	.....	136	.....	13	6	6	1	5,000	1	2,000	.....	45
Columbia.....	2	372	.....	9	8	19	7	2,000	.....	.....	75	.....
Sea-shore.....	.....	116	.....	49	11	2	2	1,800	.....	.....	100	185
Americus.....	.....	457	.....	5	1	21	6	1,200	.....	.....	300	250
Mt. Carmel.....	2	524	.....	59	18	9	6	2,400	1	600	.....	350
Poplarsville.....	.....	221	.....	43	5	23	5	2,275	.....	.....	135	22
Covington.....	1	184	.....	50	9	51	3	1,100	1	500	150	.....
Hattiesburg.....	2	293	.....	61	6	17	3	2,500	3	1,800	550	616
Total.....	22	4,398	.....	724	157	275	57	\$30,275	8	\$8,150	\$3,010	\$2,519

RECAPITULATION.

Jackson District.....	17	2,913	4	129	84	101	45	\$ 65,250	12	\$13,350	\$ 750	\$3,575
Woodville District.....	20	4,347	1	466	197	253	56	39,200	9	8,345	86,225	2,811
Meridian District.....	19	5,467	.....	500	248	261	63	45,800	11	9,350	21,700	3,523
Brandon District.....	38	5,949	.....	343	251	164	66	36,300	12	5,900	2,225	2,158
Vicksburg District.....	13	3,710	2	137	117	151	48½	89,250	10	12,500	31,815	5,609
Brookhaven District.....	41	5,481	1	514	290	271	49	47,000	9	9,075	76,055	4,725
Sea-shore District.....	22	4,398	.....	724	157	275	57	30,000	8	6,150	3,010	2,519
Total.....	170	32,265	8	2813	1244	1476	384½	\$353,075	71	\$61,670	\$221,780	\$24,920

Sunday-schools.

JACKSON DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	No. of Schools.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Money Expended for Sunday-school Literature.	Money Contributed for Missions.	Other Objects.	Children's Day.
Yazoo City.....	1	10	90	\$ 44 00	\$ 8 00		
Edwards.....	2	8	100	40 00		\$ 25 00	
Flora.....	2	10	75	25 00			
Silver Creek.....	5	13	120	25 00			
Jackson.....	1	23	160	37 25	70 00		
Benton.....	4	20	200	28 00	35 00	94 04	
Raymond.....	3	14	75	40 00			
Canton.....	1	15	91	50 00	10 00		
West Jackson.....	3	22	108	42 93	3 05		
Camden.....	2	13	85	25 00			
Spring Ridge.....	5	22	75	7 00		5 00	
Sharon.....	7	25	175	53 50			
Madison.....	3	15	85	23 75			
Mt. Olivet.....	4	24	150	35 64			
Total.....	43	234	1,589	\$477 07	\$126 05	\$124 04	

WOODVILLE DISTRICT.

East Baton Rouge.....	7	21	200	\$ 50 00			
St. Helena.....	7	25	190	15 00		\$ 2 35	
Clinton.....	1	11	124	75 00			
North Wilkinson.....	10	36	150	25 00			
Jackson.....	1	10	75	31 00			
East Feliciana.....	4	24	160	25 00			
Percy's Creek.....	1	6	55	10 00	\$ 3 75		
Woodville.....	1	9	72	13 00	50 00	11 40	
Amite City.....	3	14	136	20 40			
Wilson.....	4	16	75	14 00	9 50		
Springfield.....	2	9	77	18 10		2 30	
Pipkins.....	1	5	50	21 00			
Bayou Sara.....	4	7	48	25 00	7 00		
Amite.....	6	14	126	7 80			
Livingston.....	7	39	255	30 60			
Total.....	59	246	1,793	\$380 90	\$70 25	\$16 05	

MERIDIAN DISTRICT.

Adamsville.....	8	48	333	\$ 40 00			
Stonewall.....	2		104	31 00			
Clarke.....	5	84	240	39 25			
Lauderdale.....	3	16	100	30 00			
Marion.....	4	21	170	10 00			
Binnsville.....	2	9	130	12 00			
Waynesboro and State Line.....	2	15	105	25 00			
Vosburg.....	3	13	113	19 00	\$ 7 80		
Sandersville.....	5	24	175	30 00			
West End, Meridian.....	2	17	155	40 00			
De Kalb.....	4	16	120	15 00			
Shubuta.....	3	14	140	23 70			
Winchester.....	7	24	200	25 00			
Meridian.....	1	36	360	93 50	100 00	\$20 15	
Enterprise and Heidelberg.....	3	30	183	56 00			
Paulding.....	8	41	400	75 00	6 00		
Total.....	62	223	3,028	64 4	\$113 80		

BRANDON DISTRICT.

Forest and Morton.....	7	41	249	\$ 25 00			
Hillsboro.....	5	25	160	13 00			
Carthage.....	1	4	30	5 00			
Westville.....	3	8	75	11 10			
Shiloh.....	9			27 00			
Lake.....	3	20	143	19 00	\$ 8 50		
Fannin.....	5	20	125	35 00	5 50		
Newton.....	3	23	212	65 00			
Brandon.....	1	12	75	26 00	\$24 00		
Raleigh.....	2	12	75	15 00			
Neshoba.....	3	12	120	8 00			
Marvin.....	4	15	160	13 00			
Trenton.....	8	33	257	9 55			
Walnut Grove.....	4	22	245	15 00			
Total.....	58	247	1,864	\$286 65	\$24 00	\$14 00	

VICKSBURG DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	No. of Schools.	Number of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Money Expended for Sunday-school Literature.	Money Contributed for Missions.	Other Objects.	Children's Day
Fayette.....	5	20	140	\$ 15 80	\$ 17 00		
Martin.....	3	12	60	10 00			
Rocky Springs.....	6	24	85	35 00		\$ 3 25	
South Warren.....	3	12	63				
Warren.....	3	15	90	25 00			
Meadville.....	7	28	225	18 00			
Roxie.....	3	14	118	15 70			
Jefferson Street, Natchez.....	1	17	124	114 86			
Mayersville.....	2	8	50	31 65			
Port Gibson.....	1	10	98	50 00	10 00	10 00	
Vicksburg.....	2	32	253	50 00	150 00		
Utica.....	4	17	106	18 50			
Deer Creek.....	3	26	120	26 00			
Burtonton.....	8	13	60	23 60		4 05	
Washington.....	2	8	50	15 00		18 85	
Wesley Chapel, Natchez.....	1	21	190	45 00			
Total.....	52	277	1,822	\$494 11	\$177 00	\$36 15	

BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT.

Hazlehurst.....	1	13	118	\$ 25 00			
Bowerton.....	5	14	220	20 00			
McComb.....	2	15	130	52 85		\$ 27 00	
Monticello.....	4	12	90	8 00			
Franklinton.....	7	33	180	55 50			
Providence.....	4	18	175	22 00			
Wesson and Beauregard.....	2	29	242	45 00		104 55	
Scotland.....	4	25	212	25 00	\$11 00	14 65	
Crystal Springs.....	2	20	120	20 00		9 35	
Brookhaven.....	1	17	167	26 50	63 00	9 25	
Terry.....	4	15	125	30 00	6 50		
Holmesville.....	7	34	235	40 00		1 30	
Adams.....	5	28	200	28 40		9 10	
Summit.....	2	17	115	45 00	2 55		
Total.....	50	290	2,329	\$423 25	\$83 55	\$175 20	

SEA-SHORE DISTRICT.

Whittington.....	6	30	175	\$ 5 00			
Scranton.....	3	17	125	25 50			
Bethel.....	7	27	217	5 00			
Pearlington.....	2	14	105	50 00	\$23 25	\$ 6 45	
Ocean Springs.....	3	17	199	26 25	18 00		
Vanceleave.....	7	23	221	25 00			
Flint Creek.....	3	16	70	15 75	10 00	10 00	
Moss Point.....	1	11	105	25 00	41 10	26 35	
Columbia.....	3	18	90				
Sea-shore.....	2	10	70	23 75	5 25	5 40	
Americus.....	7	30	200	7 93			
Mt. Carmel.....	5	20	120	18 00			
Poplarville.....	6	24	144	39 00			
Covington.....	5	13	96	10 00			
Hattiesburg.....	5	26	246	43 45		10 00	
Total.....	65	296	2,182	\$319 63	\$97 60	\$58 20	

RECAPITULATION.

Jackson District.....	43	234	1,589	\$ 477 07	\$126 05	\$124 04	
Woodville District.....	59	246	1,793	380 90	70 25	16 05	
Meridian District.....	62	359	3,028	564 45	113 80	20 15	
Brandon District.....	58	247	1,866	286 65	24 00	14 00	
Vicksburg District.....	52	277	1,822	494 11	177 00	36 15	
Brookhaven District.....	50	290	2,329	423 25	83 55	175 20	
Sea-shore District.....	65	296	2,183	319 63	97 10	51 75	
Total.....	389	1,949	14,610	\$2,946 06	\$692 25	\$437 34	

Finance Table.

JACKSON DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	Presiding Elder.		Preacher in Charge.		Paid Bishops.	Conf. Cl'm'ts.	Other Objects.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.			
Yazoo City.....	\$ 125 00	\$ 125 00	\$ 1,000 00	\$ 1,000 00	\$ 18 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 81 25
Edwards.....	100 00	87 00	700 00	614 00	18 00	55 00	10 00
Flora.....	60 00	60 00	550 00	550 00	5 00	25 00	15 00
Silver Creek.....	60 00	63 00	440 00	500 00	12 00	29 00	200 00
Jackson.....	151 00	151 00	1,200 00	1,200 00	28 75	85 00	1,767 70
Benton *.....	125 00	111 00	700 00	623 50	20 00	75 00	.....
Raymond.....	102 00	94 50	800 00	768 80	18 00	60 00	25 00
Canton.....	100 00	100 00	750 00	777 00	16 00	60 00	60 00
West Jackson.....	17 00	17 00	210 00	227 00	.....	.....	.....
Camden.....	75 00	64 00	550 00	480 00	14 00	40 00	8 00
Spring Ridge.....	50 00	27 15	300 00	162 85	10 00	5 30	4 00
Sharon.....	80 00	80 00	630 00	617 00	14 00	40 00	47 00
Madison.....	75 00	47 35	500 00	313 90	13 00	21 40	2 00
Mt. Olivet.....	100 00	91 50	650 00	550 00	13 00	36 00	32 40
Total.....	\$1,220 00	\$1,185 50	\$8,980 00	\$8,384 05	\$199 75	\$581 70	\$2,253 35

* Paid Junior Preacher \$266.10.

WOODVILLE DISTRICT.

East Baton Rouge.....	\$ 60 00	\$ 60 00	\$ 400 00	\$ 480 00	\$ 6 20	\$ 21 56	\$ 6 00
St. Helena.....	90 00	78 40	650 00	566 18	7 20	35 00	9 00
Clinton.....	67 00	50 00	450 00	420 00	7 00	20 00	86 00
North Wilkinson.....	60 25	60 25	405 00	405 00	7 00	24 00	92 00
Jackson.....	90 00	90 00	800 00	615 00	10 50	36 00	96 40
East Feliciana.....	90 00	80 50	660 00	590 00	6 85	32 00	54 75
Percy's Creek.....	67 50	67 50	450 00	600 00	10 10	29 65	52 50
Woodville.....	90 00	90 00	800 00	600 00	14 00	41 50	286 50
Amite City.....	78 75	40 00	525 00	279 25	9 20	20 00	26 60
Wilson.....	67 50	61 40	507 50	461 65	4 90	27 00	26 50
Springfield.....	15 00	13 45	105 00	94 05	1 50	6 00	10 00
Pipkins.....	75 00	75 00	500 00	500 00	8 75	30 00	30 00
Bayou Sara.....	67 50	47 40	450 00	339 55	5 90	20 00	6 00
Amite.....	60 00	50 30	400 00	334 55	7 00	24 00	85 20
Livingston.....	42 90	37 55	227 00	227 60	3 75	9 05	5 10
Total.....	\$1,021 40	\$901 75	\$6,962 50	\$6,512 83	\$111 85	\$375 76	\$792 55

MERIDIAN DISTRICT.

Adamsville.....	\$ 20 00	\$ 20 00	\$ 350 00	\$ 350 00	\$ 4 00	\$ 5 00	.....
Stonewall.....	20 00	8 25	230 00	100 00	2 00	.....	.....
Clarke.....	85 60	70 25	425 00	351 15	11 00	16 45	\$ 1 00
Lauderdale.....	85 00	85 00	600 00	657 00	11 00	42 00	19 00
Marion.....	70 00	45 80	480 00	315 55	9 20	37 00	.....
Binnville.....	55 00	50 00	445 00	405 00	8 00	20 00	20 00
Waynesboro & State Line	115 00	115 00	600 00	600 00	17 00	58 00	35 00
Vosburg.....	60 00	68 00	460 00	560 00	9 00	60 00	11 25
Sandersville.....	30 00	20 00	276 00	200 00	3 00	16 00	.....
West End, Meridian.....	40 00	28 15	300 00	210 60	5 00	11 00	25 00
De Kalb.....	55 00	50 00	545 00	467 30	8 00	20 00	7 00
Shubuta.....	85 00	85 00	500 00	556 70	13 00	53 00	23 60
Winchester.....	85 00	85 00	440 00	440 00	6 00	30 00	8 00
Meridian.....	232 00	232 00	1,500 00	1,500 00	21 00	80 00	134 50
Enterprise & Heidelberg.	100 00	100 00	600 00	591 00	12 00	40 00	56 35
Paulding.....	90 00	78 75	540 00	500 00	14 00	50 00	19 50
Total.....	\$1,227 00	\$1,141 20	\$8,291 00	\$7,784 30	\$153 20	\$528 45	\$351 20

BRANDON DISTRICT.

Forest and Morton.....	\$ 75 00	\$ 60 90	\$ 540 00	\$ 426 00	\$ 8 00	\$ 20 00	\$ 5 00
Hillsboro.....	50 00	19 25	550 00	212 25	5 00	4 00	3 50
Carthage.....	75 00	47 15	500 00	324 40	7 60	16 00	.....
Westville.....	62 50	56 20	325 00	292 40	9 50	6 70	.....
Shiloh.....	70 00	57 75	550 00	454 60	7 50	7 65	4 15
Lake.....	75 00	60 45	575 00	463 00	8 00	30 00	54 75
Fannin.....	75 00	55 00	420 00	279 20	8 00	5 00	.....
Newton.....	85 00	76 85	500 00	457 00	10 00	40 00	64 00
Brandon.....	75 00	75 00	648 00	648 00	8 00	26 00	.....
Raleigh.....	67 50	35 35	452 50	238 50	7 00	25 00	.....
Neshoba.....	70 00	52 35	400 00	300 00	8 00	15 00	.....
Marvin.....	75 00	66 55	450 00	400 00	8 00	12 50	14 85
Trenton.....	70 00	45 70	460 00	300 00	8 00	14 65	.....
Walnut Grove *.....	75 00	52 50	425 00	290 00	8 00	20 00	5 00
Total.....	\$1,000 00	\$761 45	\$6,797 50	\$5,081 35	\$110 60	\$242 50	\$151 25

* Paid Junior Preacher, \$32.

VICKSBURG DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	Presiding Elder.		Preacher in Charge.		Paid Bishops.	Conf. Cl'm'ts.	Other Objects.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.			
Fayette.....	\$ 100 00	\$ 60 25	\$ 760 00	\$ 513 25	\$ 16 00	\$ 40 30	\$ 15 00
Martin.....	50 00	30 00	480 00	292 80	9 00	10 00	43 00
Rocky Springs.....	100 00	62 85	575 00	359 00	12 00	35 00	6 45
South Warren.....	66 00	35 25	400 00	214 00	5 00	7 25	.....
Warren.....	134 00	114 85	650 00	574 40	15 00	44 00	46 65
Meadville.....	70 00	42 70	365 00	258 75	12 00	30 00	.....
Roxie.....	5 00	9 10	200 00	156 80	2 00	2 00	5 00
Jefferson Street, Natchez.	170 00	170 00	1,000 00	1,000 00	20 00	67 00	978 00
Mayersville.....	85 00	73 00	600 00	506 00	12 00	38 00	149 20
Port Gibson.....	100 00	95 00	800 00	760 00	10 00	30 00	120 00
Vicksburg.....	200 00	200 00	1,500 00	1,500 00	25 00	78 00	.....
Utica.....	100 00	63 70	700 00	446 20	14 00	20 00	30 20
Deer Creek.....	110 00	85 00	600 00	468 00	12 00	40 00	.....
Burtonton.....	75 00	53 70	380 00	265 95	10 00	42 00	90 00
Washington.....	65 00	41 00	500 00	322 80	8 00	17 75	28 45
Wesley Chapel, Natchez.	50 00	50 00	500 00	500 00	6 00	15 00	369 00
Total.....	\$1,480 00	\$1,186 40	\$10,010 00	\$8,138 00	\$188 00	\$516 30	\$1,880 95

BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT.

Hazlehurst.....	\$ 90 00	\$ 90 00	\$ 700 00	\$ 700 00	\$ 13 00	\$ 45 00	\$ 36 00
Bowerton.....	90 00	76 50	600 00	511 70	13 00	40 00	10 70
McComb.....	90 00	69 10	620 00	429 30	13 00	45 00	62 80
Monticello.....	20 00	26 00	315 00	254 00	6 00	10 00	.....
Franklinton.....	65 00	66 20	375 00	416 00	11 00	35 00	79 70
Providence.....	65 00	63 85	500 00	491 15	13 00	45 00	29 50
Wesson and Beauregard.	90 00	90 00	720 00	721 45	16 40	60 00	159 00
Scotland.....	85 00	80 45	518 00	490 25	13 00	25 00	11 00
Crystal Springs.....	90 00	90 00	750 00	758 00	13 00	45 00	60 00
Brookhaven.....	85 00	78 20	600 00	473 55	13 00	45 00	187 85
Terry.....	65 00	62 35	600 00	574 40	12 00	35 00	41 00
Holmesville.....	75 00	75 00	500 00	420 00	13 00	40 00	15 15
Adams.....	50 00	50 00	425 00	426 00	11 00	39 00	25 50
Summit.....	60 00	48 60	500 00	355 45	11 00	35 00	105 50
Total.....	\$1,020 00	\$966 25	\$7,723 00	\$7,021 25	\$171 40	\$544 00	\$823 20

SEA-SHORE DISTRICT.

Whittington.....	\$ 60 00	\$ 60 00	\$ 300 00	\$ 300 00	\$ 8 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 92 50
Scranton.....	45 00	36 60	250 00	219 85	7 65	9 00	50 00
Bethel.....	50 00	45 00	260 00	242 00	2 45	15 00	.....
Pearlington.....	90 00	78 00	600 00	500 00	10 00	35 00	20 00
Ocean Springs.....	80 00	64 70	500 00	406 35	5 00	10 00	190 00
Vandave.....	50 00	50 00	300 00	300 00	7 00	26 00	33 00
Flint Creek.....	33 50	35 00	166 50	180 00	8 15	20 00	37 60
Moss Point.....	100 00	100 00	600 00	600 00	10 00	36 00	313 05
Columbia.....	70 00	68 45	365 00	321 35	9 50	30 00	82 50
Sea-shore.....	50 00	36 40	500 00	325 50	7 00	9 00	.....
Americus.....	60 00	44 30	272 50	201 05	7 00	13 00	.....
Mt. Carmel.....	80 00	82 00	500 00	525 00	8 00	25 00	5 00
Poplarville.....	50 00	44 30	275 00	265 80	7 00	20 00	20 60
Covington.....	60 00	46 00	300 00	230 00	8 00	8 50	.....
Hattiesburg.....	65 00	59 00	450 00	369 80	8 05	15 00	10 00
Total.....	\$943 50	\$849 75	\$5,639 00	\$4,986 70	\$112 80	\$296 50	\$854 25

RECAPITULATION.

Jackson District.....	\$1,220 00	\$1,118 50	\$ 8,980 00	\$ 8,384 05	\$ 199 75	\$ 581 70	\$2,253 35
Woodville District.....	1,021 40	901 75	6,962 50	6,512 83	111 85	375 76	792 55
Meridian District.....	1,227 00	1,141 20	8,291 00	7,784 30	153 20	528 45	351 20
Brandon District.....	1,000 00	761 45	6,797 50	5,086 35	110 60	242 50	151 25
Vicksburg District.....	1,480 00	1,186 40	1,010 00	8,138 00	188 00	616 30	1,880 95
Brookhaven District.....	1,020 00	966 25	7,723 00	7,021 25	171 40	544 00	823 20
Sea-shore District.....	943 50	849 75	5,639 00	4,986 70	112 80	296 50	854 25
Total.....	\$7,911 90	\$6,925 30	\$54,403 00	\$47,913 48	\$1,047 60	\$3,085 21	\$7,106 75

Missions and Church Extension.

JACKSON DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	Foreign Missions.		Dom. Missions.		Ch'ch Extension.		Education.	Bible Cause.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		
Yazoo City.....	\$ 125 00	\$ 50 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 30 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 13 00	
Edwards.....	110 00	69 00	25 00	12 50	30 00	10 95		
Flora.....	35 00	35 00	15 00	7 00	15 00		5 00	
Silver Creek.....	55 00	60 00	15 00	10 00	20 00	8 00	12 00	
Jackson.....	170 00	170 00	40 00	40 00	50 00	50 00	25 00	\$25 00
Benton.....	130 00	130 00	30 00	30 00	40 00	40 00		
Raymond.....	115 00	115 00	25 00	25 00	35 00	35 00	18 00	18 00
Canton.....	115 00	115 00	25 00	25 00	33 00	33 00	16 00	16 00
West Jackson.....								
Camden.....	80 00	80 00	20 00	20 00	30 00	30 00	3 00	
Spring Ridge.....	40 00	8 45	15 00	3 25	20 00	4 20	1 60	
Sharon.....	85 00	85 00	20 00	20 00	35 00	35 00	4 00	
Madison.....	70 00	50 00	20 00	14 30	20 00	14 30	4 55	
Mt. Olivet.....	85 00	85 00	20 00	8 30	25 00	8 30	13 00	
Total.....	\$ 215 00	\$1,052 45	\$295 00	\$240 35	\$383 00	\$278 75	\$115 15	\$59 00

WOODVILLE DISTRICT.

E. Baton Rouge.....	\$ 67 00	\$ 60 00	\$ 12 50	\$ 12 50	\$ 16 02		\$ 6 20	
St. Helena.....	90 00	48 65	21 00	21 00	27 00		10 50	
Clinton.....	67 00	40 00	20 00	20 15	15 00	\$ 4 00	7 00	\$ 5 00
North Wilkinson.....	60 75	15 00	14 00	11 10	18 20		7 00	2 00
Jackson.....	90 00	90 00	21 00	21 00	27 00	27 00	10 50	
East Feliciana.....	90 00	50 00	21 00	12 00	27 00	15 00	7 00	
Percy's Creek.....	67 50	67 50	16 60	16 60	21 65	21 65	10 10	
Woodville.....	90 00	90 50	21 00	21 00	29 00	29 00	14 00	
Amite City.....	78 75	40 10	18 25	10 00	23 65			3 00
Wilson.....	67 50	42 55	15 75	16 00	20 25	2 00		
Springfield.....	15 00	18 00	3 00	4 00	3 00	4 00		
Pipkins.....	75 00	75 00	17 50	17 50	22 50	22 50	8 75	
Bayou Sara.....	67 50	60 00	15 75	15 00	20 25	15 00	5 75	
Amite.....	60 00	61 00	14 00	14 00	18 00	13 10	7 00	
Livingston.....	42 90	7 10	11 15	2 75	9 40	1 25	1 10	
Total.....	\$1,021 90	\$765 40	\$242 50	\$214 60	\$297 92	\$154 50	\$96 40	\$10 75

MERIDIAN DISTRICT.

Adamsville.....	\$ 5 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 3 00	\$ 3 00		\$ 4 00
Stonewall.....	5 00	2 00	3 00	1 90				
Clarke.....	65 00	17 50	16 00	4 50	26 00	2 00		
Lauderdale.....	65 00	40 00	20 00	20 00	34 00	20 00	\$ 6 00	2 00
Marion.....	60 00	27 75	16 00	16 00	26 00	5 00		
Binnsville.....	40 00	40 00	12 00	8 00	15 00	4 00	8 00	
W'boro & S. Line..	105 00	105 00	22 00	22 00	37 00	37 00	17 60	50 00
Vosburg.....	53 00	64 00	12 00	16 00	32 00	22 00		5 00
Sandersville.....	15 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	
W. End, Meridian	32 00	20 50	8 00	4 25	16 00	10 15		
De Kalb.....	40 00	40 00	12 00	8 00	15 00	8 00	4 00	
Shubuta.....	70 00	77 00	18 00	18 00	32 00	32 00	13 00	
Winchester.....	45 00	45 00	18 00	18 00	20 00	20 00		
Meridian.....	160 00	160 00	33 00	33 00	56 00	56 00	21 00	68 00
Enterprise & H'g.	60 00	60 00	20 00	20 00	32 00	32 00		13 25
Paulding.....	90 00	56 00	20 00	15 00	30 00	15 00	14 00	14 00
Total.....	\$900 00	\$764 75	\$233 00	\$209 65	\$379 00	\$271 15	\$84 00	\$156 25

BRANDON DISTRICT.

Forest & Morton.	\$ 70 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 18 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 22 00	\$ 5 00		
Hillsboro.....	35 00	12 05	13 00	2 30	10 00	2 00	\$ 4 50	
Carthage.....	70 00	6 09	18 00	3 00	22 00	2 30		
Westville.....	55 00	6 70	15 00		17 00			
Shiloh.....	65 00	30 85	16 00	3 00	18 00	4 00		
Lake.....	70 00	80 00	18 00	18 00	22 00	22 00		
Fannin.....	70 00	10 00	18 00	5 00	20 00	5 00		
Newton.....	70 00	72 00	18 00	19 00	22 00	23 00	10 00	\$5 00
Brandon.....	70 00	12 30	18 00	17 00	22 90	7 50		
Raleigh.....	55 00	15 00	15 00		17 00			
Neshoba.....	65 00	15 00	10 00	5 00	20 00	5 00		
Marvin.....	70 00	26 00	18 00	7 50	20 00	6 00	8 00	
Trenton.....	65 00	19 25	16 00	3 00	18 00	2 50		
Walnut Grove.....	70 00	23 00	18 00	5 00	18 00	5 00		
Total.....	\$900 00	\$338 15	\$229 00	\$33 00	\$268 00	\$89 30	\$19 50	\$5 00

VICKSBURG DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	Foreign Missions.		Dom. Missions.		Ch'ch Extension.		Education.	Bible Cause.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		
Fayette.....	\$ 110 00	\$ 60 00	\$ 35 00	\$ 15 00	\$ 34 00	\$ 15 00	\$ 10 00	.....
Martin.....	30 00	35 00	15 00	15 00	13 00	13 00	7 00	.....
Rocky Springs.....	60 00	45 00	20 00	15 00	20 00	15 00	2 00	.....
South Warren.....	35 00	7 00	15 00	5 00	12 00	2 00	8 00	\$ 3 00
Warren.....	95 00	50 00	30 00	15 00	47 00	10 00	5 00	.....
Meadville.....	70 00	50 00	15 00	15 00	25 00	10 00	4 00	.....
Roxie.....	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00				.....
Jeff'n St. Natchez	170 00	285 00	35 00	35 00	50 00	224 00	20 00	.....
Mayersville.....	50 00	50 00	15 00	15 00	19 00	19 00	12 00	14 60
Port Gibson.....	105 00	68 00	20 00	13 00	38 00	20 00	16 00	10 00
Vicksburg.....	220 00	244 65	20 00	20 00	40 00	40 00	25 00	11 50
Utica.....	70 00	33 20	20 00	20 00	30 00	6 00	7 00	.....
Deer Creek.....	70 00	35 00	25 00	16 00	23 00	12 00	6 00	2 75
Burtonton.....	40 00	45 00	10 00	10 00	23 00	23 00		.....
Washington.....	45 00	23 00	10 00	6 25	9 00	9 00	4 50	.....
Wes. Ch., Natchez	20 00	20 00	10 00	10 00	21 00	21 00		.....
Total.....	\$1,192 00	\$1,052 85	\$297 00	\$227 25	\$410 00	\$444 00	\$126 50	\$41 80

BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT.

Hazlehurst.....	\$ 90 00	\$ 90 00	\$ 20 00	\$ 20 00	\$ 27 00	\$ 27 00	\$113 00	\$113 00
Bowerton.....	90 00	80 00	20 00	16 00	27 00	14 00	13 50	.....
McComb.....	90 00	90 00	20 00	20 00	27 00	10 00		.....
Monticello.....	10 00	10 00	6 00	6 00	5 00	5 00	6 00	.....
Franklinton.....	60 00	60 00	15 00	15 00	24 00	12 00	11 00	.....
Providence.....	85 00	79 00	15 00	15 00	21 00	21 00	10 00	1 00
Weason and B.....	80 00	90 35	20 00	35 00	27 00	30 00	28 00	.....
Scotland.....	85 00	85 00	20 00	15 00	20 00	8 00	10 00	.....
Crystal Springs...	90 00	90 00	20 00	20 00	27 00	27 00	23 00	.....
Brookhaven.....	80 00	153 50	20 00	20 00	27 00	27 00	130 00	.....
Terry.....	60 00	31 50	15 00	5 00	21 00	10 00	5 00	.....
Holmesville.....	70 00	70 00	17 00	17 00	27 00	15 00	5 00	.....
Adams.....	55 00	60 00	12 00	12 00	17 00	17 00	11 00	14 00
Summit.....	60 00	60 00	15 00	15 00	23 00	23 00		.....
Total.....	\$1,005 00	\$1,028 35	\$235 00	\$231 00	\$300 00	\$246 00	\$365 50	\$128 00

SEA-SHORE DISTRICT.

Whittington.....		\$ 50 00		\$ 13 00				
Scranton.....	\$ 60 00	10 00	\$ 14 00	8 15	\$ 20 00	\$ 4 50		
Bethel.....	50 00	30 00	12 00	10 00	17 00	10 00		
Pearlington.....	70 00	55 25	15 00	12 00	22 00	15 00		
Ocean Springs.....	60 00	50 50	15 00	10 00	21 00	4 00	\$ 2 00	
Vanceleave.....	50 00	38 00	12 00	12 00	19 00	19 00		
Flint Creek.....	40 00	40 00	10 00	10 00	16 00	16 00		
Moss Point.....	80 00	80 00	18 00	24 10	25 00	25 00	10 00	\$30 00
Columbia.....	60 00	60 00	14 00	14 00	22 00	22 00	4 00	
Sea-shore.....	50 00	56 05	12 00	12 00	18 00	6 00		12 00
Americus.....	50 00	43 00	12 00	5 00	17 00	5 00		
Mt. Carmel.....	65 00	48 00	15 00	12 00	23 00	11 50	8 00	8 00
Poplarville.....	40 00	38 50	11 00	11 00	18 00	8 00		
Covington.....	50 00	13 00	12 00	3 15	20 00	1 60		
Hattiesburg.....	60 00	47 75	15 00	8 00	22 00	3 00		18 00
Total.....	\$785 00	\$660 05	\$187 00	\$164 40	\$280 00	\$150 50	\$24 00	\$68 00

RECAPITULATION.

Jackson District.	\$1,215 00	\$1,052 45	\$ 295 00	\$ 240 35	\$ 383 00	\$ 278 75	\$115 15	\$ 59 00
Woodville Dist....	1,021 90	765 40	242 50	214 60	297 92	154 50	96 40	10 75
Meridian District.	900 00	764 75	233 00	209 65	379 00	271 15	84 00	156 25
Brandon District.	900 00	338 15	229 00	93 00	268 00	89 30	19 50	5 00
Vicksburg Dist....	1,192 00	1,052 85	297 00	227 25	410 00	444 00	126 50	46 35
Brookhaven Dist.	1,005 00	1,028 35	235 00	231 00	320 00	246 00	365 50	128 00
Sea-shore Dist....	785 00	660 05	187 00	164 40	280 00	150 50	24 00	68 00
Total.....	\$7,018 90	\$5,662 00	\$1,718 50	\$1,360 25	\$2,337 92	\$1,634 20	\$831 05	\$168 35

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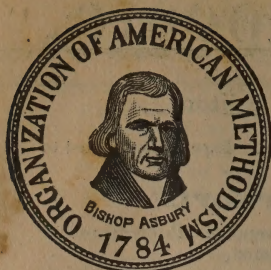
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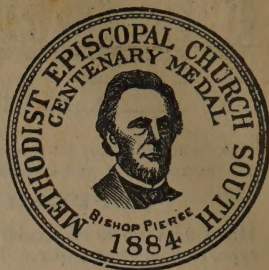
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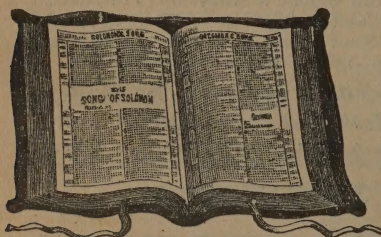


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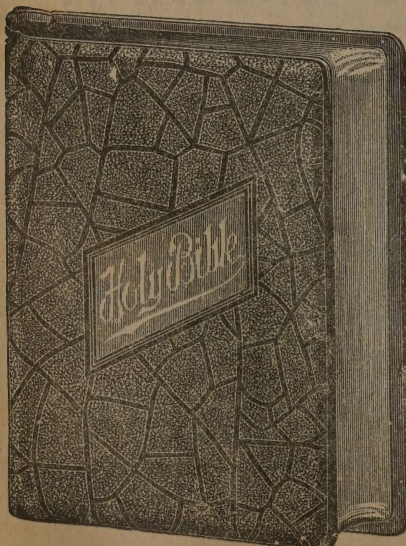
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